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REPORT.

COMPENSATION TO TOWN OFFICERS.

James Southworth, for services as School Committee, horse hire, stage fare, stationery, &c., - -	$43 50
James Southworth, for services as School Committee on repairs of school houses Nos. 3 and 6, -	5 00
Rev. W. H. Fish, for services as School Committee, writing annual report, and horse hire, - -	34 25
Samuel Waters, for services as School Committee,	28 00
" " " " " on repairs of school houses Nos. 3 and 6, - -	8 00
William B. Pratt, for 7 days' services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, to April 5, - -	10 50
William C. Litchfield, warning town officers, 1868–9,	10 00
Charles W. Sparrell, warning town meetings, -	12 00
Pyam Jacobs, for 5 days as Road and Bridge Committee, 1868–9, - - - - -	10 00
Edward Stowell, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, to Feb. 1, 76½ days, -	114 75
Copying Valuation List, - - - -	3 00
Traveling Expenses, - - - -	15 00
Services and expenses as Committee to Petition Legislature, - - - - - -	5 00

G. K. Cushing, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, to Feb. 1, 69 days, -	108 00
Thomas B. Waterman, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 42 days, -	63 00
	$470 00

EXPENDITURES FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Highway District No. 1.

For working out highway tax at $2 per day, -	$66 23
" extra labor, - - - - -	10 00
	$76 23

D. M. WILCOTT, *Surveyor.*

District No. 2.

Thirty-eight days' work, - - - -	$76 00
Oxen, cart and one man 10 days, - - -	40 00
Extra labor, - - - - -	5 75
Gravel, - - - - - -	50
	$122 25

JAMES J. FARRAR, *Surveyor.*

District No. 3.

For work on roads, - - - -	$72 92
For repairing bridge near Eben Brown's, - -	9 75
	$82 67

Rates paid for labor,—man $1.75, oxen $2.50.

PYAM JACOBS, *Surveyor.*

District No. 4.

For labor on road in April, -	$28 24	
" " " - - - - -		$92 00
" removing obstructions, - - -		6 50
" repairs on Mill bridge, - - -		1 50
" 113 loads of gravel, 1868, - -	6 78	
" 110 loads of gravel, 1869, - - -		6 60
		$106 60

ALBION DAMON, Surveyor.

District No. 5.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$79 65
" extra labor, - - - - -	10 00
" gravel, - - - - -	2 75
	$92 40

SYLVANUS CLAPP, Surveyor.

District No. 6.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$74 00
For 58 loads of gravel, - - - -	1 74
	$75 74

Rates of labor, 25 cents per hour.

WASHINGTON LINCOLN, Surveyor.

District No. 7.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$45 11
For 15 loads of gravel, - - - -	75
For extra labor, - - - - -	10 00
	$55 86

Rates of labor, $1.75 per day.

HOSEA J. STOCKBRIDGE, Surveyor.

District No. 8.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$142 00

Rate of labor, $2 per day.

LUTHER HATCH, Surveyor.

District No. 9.

For labor on road, - - - -	$187 43

JOSIAH CUSHING, Surveyor.

District No. 10.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$107 95

Rates of labor, $1.75 per day.

LUTHER DAMON, Surveyor.

District No. 11.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$56 36
" extra labor, - - - - -	10 00
" 115 loads of gravel, at 3 cents per load, -	3 45
	$69 81

Rate of labor, $1.75 per day.

R. V. C. TURNER, Surveyor.

District No. 12.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$65 00

LINCOLN ELLMS, Surveyor.

District No. 13.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$45 87
" 101 load of gravel, - - - -	6 06
" mowing bushes, - - - -	17 50
	$69 43

Rates of labor, $1.75 per day.

WILLIAM HATCH, Surveyor.

District No. 14.

For labor on roads, - - - -		$94 79
" gravel at 6 cents per load, - - -		5 67
" 49 loads of gravel, 1868, - -	$2 94	
" extra labor by D. Torrey, Jr., 1858, -	10 00	
		$100 46

Rates of labor, $1.75 per day.

SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH, Surveyor.

District No. 15.

For labor on roads, - - - -	$50 00
" extra labor, - - - - -	10 00
	$60 00

Rates of labor, $1.75 per day.

JOSEPH W. BRIGGS, Surveyor.

District No. 16.

For labor on roads. - - - -	$43 00

Rates of labor, $1.75 per day.

NATH. TURNER, Surveyor.

District No. 17.

For labor on roads. - - - -	$168 50

PETER HART, Surveyor.

District No. 18.

For labor on roads, March, 1869, -	- $21.62	
" " " - - - -		$170 59
" 39 loads of gravel, - - - ·		1 56
		$172 15

MELVIN LITTLE, Surveyor.

District No. 19.

For labor on roads,		$39 47
" extra labor,		10 00
		$49 47

SYLVANUS CLAPP, Surveyor.

District No. 20.

For repairs on bridge near T. J. Gardner's, April 1, 1869,	$7 85	
For labor on roads,		$126 99

Rates of labor, per day $1.75.

R. P. BRIGGS, Surveyor.

District No. 21.

For labor on roads,	$61 12
" gravel,	1 20
	$62 32

Rate per day, $2.

BENJAMIN W. JACOBS, Surveyor.

District No. 22.

For labor on roads,	$66 17

Rate of labor, 25 and 30 cents per hour.

T. B. CHAPMAN, Surveyor.

District No. 23.

For labor on roads,	$36 62

Rate per day, $1.75.

PYAM JACOBS, Surveyor.

TOWN OFFICERS,

CHOSEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 21, 1870.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseer of the Poor.

EDWARD STOWELL, THOS. B. WATERMAN,
CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

EBEN T. FOGG.

School Committee.

WILLIAM H. FISH,	term expires	March	1871.
JAMES SOUTHWORTH,	"	"	1872.
LUCY TURNER,	"	"	1873.

Constables.

CHAS. H. LITCHFIELD, CHARLES W. SPARRELL,
WILLIAM C. LITCHFIELD, ALPHEUS THOMAS.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

PIAM JACOBS, ROBERT V. C. TURNER.

Auditor of Accounts.

ELISHA JACOBS.

Surveyors of Highways.

District,	District,
No. 1.—D. M. Willcutt,	No. 13.—John Cushing,
" 2.—Wm. Prouty, Jr.	" 14.—George O. Torrey,
" 3.—Piam Jacobs,	" 15.—Philip Foster,
" 4.—Barton R. Jacobs,	" 16.—Nath'l Turner,
" 5.—Edw. W. Brooks,	" 17.—John Gardner, Jr.
" 6.—David W. Studley,	" 18.—John Gardner,
" 7.—Liba Litchfield,	" 19.—Sylvanus Clapp,
" 8.—Eben T. Fogg,	" 20.—Richard P. Briggs,
" 9.—Josiah Cushing,	" 21.—James W. Sampson.
" 10.—Luther Damon.	" 22.—Thos. H. Gardner,
" 11.—R. V. C. Turner,	" 23.—Alpheus Thomas,
" 12.—Lincoln Ellms.	" 24.—Loring Jacobs.

Agents for the several School Houses.

No. 1.—Dexter M. Willcutt,	No. 4.—A. J. Litchfield,
" 2.—Edwin Jacobs,	" 5.—Chas. W. Sparrell,
" 3.—David W. Studley,	" 6.—Chas. H. Litchfield,

No. 7.—John Gardner, Jr.

Fence Viewers.

Samuel Waters, Coleman Ford, Liba Litchfield.

Surveyors of Lumber.

T. B. Waterman,	Samuel Waters,	Joseph Clapp.
Amos H. Tilden,	David W. Turner,	Allen Clapp,
Wm. B. Pratt,	Eleazar Hatch,	Philip Foster,
	Augustus Gardner.	

Field Drivers.

Dexter M. Willcutt,	Nath'l Turner,
William Prouty, Jr.	Philip Foster,
Piam Jacobs,	John Gardner, Jr.
Barton R. Jacobs,	John Gardner,
Edward W. Brooks,	Sylvanus Clapp,
Liba Litchfield,	Richard P. Briggs,
Lincoln Ellms,	Thos. H. Gardner,
John Cushing,	Alpheus Thomas,
George O. Torrey,	Edwin R. Studly.

Pound Keeper.

John Corthell.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, school books, 1869,	$46	52
James L. Hammett, " " "	2	37
G. K. Cushing, expenses to State almshouse to carry H. Williams, a State pauper,	5	50
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, school books, 1870,	109	71
R. M. Pulsifer, advertising for almshouse keeper,	7	20
Thomas J. Tolman, cash paid for engineers on N. River,	12	60
Andrews Brothers, printing annual report	48	00
" " " school "	22	00
James L. Hunt, cash for hearse hire,	3	00
William H. Fish, " " school books,	31	50

Israel Nash, for hearse house,	$200 00
J. F. Farmer, printing voting list,	19 50
H. A. Turner, discount on pig,	3 50
Willard Torrey, cedar post for Pound,	3 72
Edward Stowell, for Herrick's Town Officer,	2 50
George Wilson, repairs on well near H. Bowker's,	2 00
Collamore & Gardner, freight on stove, 1869,	2 00
James Southworth, blackboard brushes,	5 00
E. T. Fogg, ink, crayons, &c., for several S. houses,	5 09
" postage, ink, stationery, expressing, &c.	7 31
Seth Foster, expressing, printing, &c.	13 05
	$552 07

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

James C. Church, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
George A. Bates, making fires,	3 00
James C. Church, teaching Spring and Summer terms,	104 00
Maria J. Metcalf " Summer and Fall terms,	96 00
	$323 00

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Helen Driver, teaching Winter term,	$88 00
Maria Jacobs, " " "	24 00

Clara C. Sherman, teaching Spring term,	$30 00
Deborah C. Hatch, " Summer "	152 00
Simeon Damon, making fires.	3 50
Edwin Jacobs, wood and fitting.	22 00
	$319 50

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Mary P. Howland, teaching Winter term,	$24 00
Martha R. Pierce, " " and Summer terms,	272 00
Amos O. Sprague, making fires,	3 00
D. W. Studley, wood and fitting.	24 50
	$323 50

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Marianna Gay, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
Albert Brown, making fires,	3 00
Marianna Gay, teaching Spring and Summer terms.	104 00
Sarah B. Jacobs, " Summer and Fall terms.	90 00
A. J. Litchfield, wood and fitting.	22 00
	$339 00

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Cynthia A. Foss, teaching Winter and Spring terms,	$210 00

Emma Torrey, assistant teaching,	$7 50
C. A. Foss, making fires,	4 00
Lydia F. Hunt, teaching Summer term,	90 00
" " Winter "	48 00
	$391 50

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

Hattie R. Gardner, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
Mary P. Howland, teaching Summer term,	97 50
" " " and Fall,	96 00
John Green; making fires,	3 00
C. H. Litchfield. wood and fitting,	25 00
John Turner, "	5 50
	$347 00

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Minnie Goodnow, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
Clara F. Curtis, assistant teacher,	12 00
Herbert Stetson, making fires,	4 00
E. W. Hastings, teaching Summer term,	104 00
Emma Savage, assistant,	10 00
Rebecca C. Brooks, teaching Fall "	96 00
——— ——— Assistant teacher,	5 87
T. J. Tolman, wood and fitting,	15 00
John Gardner, Jr. "	26 34
	$393 21

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL HOUSES.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

James House, ink, crayons, and repairs,	1 85

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Simeon Damon, for furniture,	2 00
Fred H. Curtis, for lumber, hardware, and labor,	58 56
Ashael Wheeler, for paint stock,	45 80
Snow Bryant, " $18\frac{3}{10}$ days work	54 90
" " " painting blinds,	6 40
" " " glass, putty, &c.	2 18
Stephen O. Jacobs, bricks, mortar, cement, and labor,	27 98
Edwin Jacobs, for cleaning house, furniture and repairs,	13 14
Edward Stowell, for stove, funnell, &c.	34 21
Collamore & Gardner, freight on stove,	1 50
	$246 67

CREDIT.

By stock sold,	6 41
	$240 26

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

David W. Studley, repairs, &c.	$7 15
Snow Bryant, painting black board,	1 25
	$8 40

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Andrew J. Litchfield, for furniture and repairs.	$5 67

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Jonathan Hatch, cleaning stove funnell,	$2 00
C. W. Sparrell, cleaning house and repairs.	8 50
	$10 50

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

C. H. Litchfield, for repairs on fence.	$8 00
W. H. Fish, for furniture.	1 98
	$9 98

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Samuel D. Stetson, repairs on school house.	$15 06
John Gardner, Jr. for furniture,	1 53
	$16 59

Total expenditure for school houses. $293 25.

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

For twelve months ending Feb. 1. 1871.

Matilda B. Stoddard,	$48 00
Elisha Coleman,	72 00
Hannah Dover.	48 00

Ruth B. Foster,	$48 00
Riley E. Jenkins,	24 00
John Lewis,	54 00
Betsey B. Sylvester,	48 00
James Thompson,	86 00
Catharine J. Mee,	10 00
Jarius W. Leavitt,	18 00
Charles H. Totman, guardian,	96 00
Mary Spencer,	48 00
Edward P. Tolman,	72 00
George B. Hayden,	54 00
E. T. Fogg, guardian,	96 00
Joseph B. Goodrich,	36 00
Charles D. Barnard,	42 00
	$900 00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Received for use of Town Hall,		$140 17
Paid for wood,	$6 75	
Lamps,	14 00	
Wax,	2 65	
Oil, chimneys, setting glass, and repairs,	19 46	
		42 86
Balance in favor of Town Hall,		$97 31

EXPENDITURES FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Expenses of building the second section of Mountain Road: —

Piam Jacobs,	33½ days at $2 per day,			$67 00
"	93 days, oxen,			255 75
George Babb,	31 days at $1.75 per day,			54 25
E. B. Damon,	32	"	"	56 00
Dan'l D. Sprague,	24	"	"	42 00
D. W. Studley,	27½	"	"	48 12
G. Ford,	27	"	"	47 25
J. Ford,	27	"	"	47 25
H. Stoddard,	32½	"	"	56 87
J. S. Clapp,	30	"	"	52 50
L. Jacobs,	8	"	"	14 00
W. Simmons, and oxen, 14 days at $4.50 per day,				49 50
Eben Brown,	32 days at $1.50 per day,			48 00
E. Brown,	31 "	1.00	"	31 00
L. Lincoln,	27½ "	"	"	27 50
O. Sprague,	32½ "	"	"	32 50
H. Sprague,	29½ "	"	"	29 50
R. V. C. Turner,	1½ "	1.75	"	2 62
G. Ford, 300 loads gravel,				9 00
William Turner, for gravel,				3 09
C. & J. Damon,	"			3 00

Sharpening drills,	$2 00
Ten pounds powder,	2 00
	$1,043 61
R. V. C. Turner, for widening bridge at Merritt's Corner,	9 75

Expense of building a part of the road leading from William Hatch's to Amos H. Tilden's:—

Piam Jacobs,	9½	days at	$2 per day,	$19 00
"	oxen, 19	days at	$2.75 per day,	52 25
Antoin Joseph,	and oxen, 4	days,		18 00
George W. Babb,	9	days at	$1.75 per day,	15 75
E. B. Damon,	5	"	"	8 75
G. Ford,	12½	"	"	21 87
Joseph Ford,	11	"	"	19 25
Charles Williamson,	7	"	"	12 25
R. V. C. Turner,	18	"	"	31 50
Antoin Joseph,	5½	days, with team,		24 75
A. J. Litchfield,	5⅓	"	"	24 00
D. Sprague,	7	"	at $1.75 per day,	12 25
H. Stoddard,	8½	"	" "	14 00
J. S. Clapp,	½	"	" "	87
D. W. Studley,	½	"	" "	87
E. Brown,	5½	"	" "	7 50
H. Sprague,	9½	"	at $1 per day,	9 50
E. Brown,	6½	"	"	6 50
C. Sprague,	3	"	"	3 00

Piam Jacobs, man and four oxen, ½ day,	$5 62
William Hatch, 61 loads gravel,	3 66
Mrs. Theodore Turner, 184 loads gravel,	11 04
" for land,	16 00
Gustavus S. Turner, "	20 00
	$358 18

Repairs on road, and expense of building two bridges near the South Meeting House: —

Piam Jacobs,	7½	days	at $2 per day,	$15 00
"	13	"	work oxen, at $2.75 per day,	35 75
L. Brown,	7½	"	at $1, per day,	7 50
C. Sprague,	1	"	" "	1 00
E. Brown,	4½	"	at $1.50 "	6 75
G. Ford,	7½	"	1.75 "	13 12
Jos. Ford,	4½	"	" "	7 87
G. W. Babb,	7	"	" "	12 25
E. B. Damon,	1	"	" "	1 75
N. Sylvester,	half	"	" "	87
D. Sprague,	3	"	" "	5 25
D. Damon,	1	"	" "	1 75
Sylvanus Clapp, and team,	2½	days	at $4.50, per day,	11 25
A. J. Litchfield,	1½	day,	with team,	6 00
Antoin Joseph,	1	"	"	4 00
G. Ford,	1½	days,		2 62
J. Ford,	1½	"		2 62
R. V. C. Turner,	1½			2 62

Cash paid for stone,	$3 00
" gravel,	3 90
	$144 87

Expenses of repairing the road from Wilson's Hill to Scituate line.

Robert V. C. Turner, 5 days' labor at $1.75 per day,	$8 87
G. D. Sampson, 2½ " " "	4 37
" horse and cart, 2 days,	3 50
James Sampson, half day,	87
Antoin Joseph, 2 days, with team,	8 50
" 2 " mowing bushes,	3 50
	$29 61

Total expenditure for Roads and Bridges, $1,586.02.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

District.	Removing snow.	Highway arrears.	Gravel.	Extra labor.	Removing obstruc'ns.
No. 1,	$24 15				
" 2,	141 80	$38 69			
" 3, 23,	59 25	15 50			
" 4,	88 34	39 06	$7 20		$4 00
" 5,	43 50	23 08		$10 00	4 48
" 6,	71 48	30 89			10 00
" 7,	32 60	18 75	1 00	3 50	
" 8,	30 60	24 41	7 92	7 00	
" 9,	92 40	37 40	11 34		14 87
" 10,	18 69	19 25	3 00		
" 11,	21 90	6 09	4 50	4 20	
" 12,	45 75	10 33			22 00
" 13,	42 84			1 75	
" 14,	16 24	40 25			
" 15,	21 75	11 70	3 60		
" 16,	17 50	21 50			
" 17,	74 70		2 80		
" 18,	69 71			5 75	
" 19,	75 47				
" 20,	25 50	22 82			
" 21,	40 90				
" 22,	71 77	14 74	5 20	3 74	
" 23, 3,	13 80	34 31			
" 24,	2 83		1 00		
	$1,143 47	$408 77	$47 56	$35 94	$55 35

REPORT ON GUIDE BOARDS.

John Collier, for painting twenty-four boards,	$12 00
Thomas R. Lawrence, painting twenty-one boards,	10 50

1869.

G. K. Cushing, 7½ days setting posts, making boards and putting up the same,	15 00
For one cedar post,	75
For 75 feet of lumber for boards,	4 50

1870.

G. R. Cushing, for 4 days' work on Guide boards,	10 00
" " 38 feet lumber,	2 66
" " 2 posts,	1 50
" " painting and lettering 5 boards,	4 50
	$61 41

EXPENDITURES FOR THE QUINCY AND HINGHAM BRIDGES.

Paid Trustees, assessment from March, 1869, to March 5, 1870,	$111 87
" James Humphrey, as Treasurer of Trustees, on account,	250 00
" Harris & Tucker, for assessment of expense of commission,	164 80

Paid Edward Stowell, for services as committee, and expenses, twenty-one days,	$74 50
" E. Stowell, for horse hire to Scituate, and notifying evidences.	3 75
" C. A. Litchfield, two day's services as committee at Commissioner's hearing,	4 00
	$608 92

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

Corn and meal, 140 bush.	$161 24
Flour, 11 bbls.	103 00
Fine feed,	2 90
Molasses, 58 gallons,	45 80
Plaster,	2 16
Tea, 48 lbs.	46 55
Sugar, 395 lbs.	55 40
Meat and fish,	169 44
Snuff, $7.50; butter, $57.54,	65 04
Cotton cloth, calico, and other dry goods,	52 18
Boots and shoes.	15 27
Salt, $5.00; oil, 15.38: medicine, $10.50,	30 88
Coffee, $9.45; raisins, $3.29; lamps and chimneys, $2.84,	15 58
Soda, starch, bread-raiser and corn starch,	15 28
Cheese, $5.28; clothing, $3.97,	9 25

Crackers, $6.77; matches, $3.00; rice, $3.30,	$13 07
Dried apples, $10.60; ham, $3.62,	14 22
Crockery, $3.25; tobacco, $13.40; eggs, $2.00,	18 65
Cocoa and shells, $1.67; lard, $12.49,	14 16
Grass and garden seeds, $3.29; oats, .40,	3 69
Brooms, $1.60; soap, .20; clothes line, .80,	2 60
Pails, .60; Turnips, .74; sweet potatoes, $2.00,	3 34
Onions, bed cord, herrings and sage,	5 48
Meat, tripe and sausages,	54 86
Dr. Howes, medical attendance,	7 75
Dr. Brownell " " at almshouse,	34 50
On Dyer children, and Susie Uree,	12 25
Andrew J. Litchfield, plowing one day,	4 50
Abel Sylvester, dry goods,	8 27
Edward Stowell, for butter,	4 00
Sundries,	11 12
Alfred Hale & Co. rubber bed spread,	5 00
George E. Jacobs, dry goods,	8 27
Wilner Brothers, clothing,	3 80
George Beasley, as almshouse keeper, from Feb. 1, to April 19, 1870,	55 17
Mrs. Edwin Studley, for services as keeper, from April 19 to April 28,	10 00
Oscar F. Healey, for services as keeper from April 28 to Feb. 1, 1871,	227 46
J. Torrey, soap in 1869,	9 00
Wood and provisions on hand less than last year,	50 00

ARTICLES FURNISHED BY THE KEEPER.

Fish and lobsters, $13.37; filing saws, $2.00.	15 37
Dry goods, $7.70; bread, &c. $11.60; medicine, .15.	19 45
Fresh grass, $2.50; soap, $1.25; cranberries, .63.	4 38
Carriage hire, .50; cider apples .50; making cider, $1.50,	2 50
Butchering, $1.00; shoemaking, $2.05; coal, $4.47,	7 52
Meat, .25; oxen for harrowing, .75; groceries, $1.88,	2 88
Berries, .64; cabbage, .25; driving cow, $1.00.	1 89
Clothing for child of Susie Tree,	3 00
Paid for extra washing.	3 40
Tub and wash board,	1 70
	$1,433 22

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received for meals and lodgings,	$16 70
For tobacco, lard, potatoes and milk.	10 88
Cash received from former keeper,	19 60
Labor performed by keeper on Mountain road,	20 87
" " " near A. H. Tilden's,	15 38
Underpining hearse house and grading,	15 75

Received from C. P. Bradley, for borad of Susie Tree,	50 00
Received from town of Hingham, for board of Henry and Freddy Dyer,	29 90
Due from E. T. Fogg, trustee for board of Eunice Damon,	35 00
Board of 10¼ paupers, at $2.16 7/10 per week,	1,219 77
	$1,433 22

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

February 1, 1871.

Mary Williams,	Age, 60;	Admitted, 1840
Lydia Gunderway,	" 56;	" 1844.
Silva Briggs,	" 67;	" 1855.
Jonathan Merritt,	" 76;	" 1858.
David Damon,	" 56;	Admitted, Dec. 2, 1862.
Jefferson Damon,	" 54;	" " "
John Woodward,	" 78;	" Jan. 1, 1864.
Nancy Damon,	" 56;	" April 22, 1867.
Sarah Totman,	" 70;	" June 11, 1869.
Jeremiah Gundry,	" 84;	" Jan. 25, 1871.

DIED DURING THE YEAR.

Eunice Damon, May 8, aged 44 years.

——— Tree, Sept. 12, aged 10 weeks.

ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.

Susie Tree, Georgeana Tree, Catherine G. Mee, Louisa J. Mee, Josephine E. Mee, Henry Dyer, and Freddy Dyer.

The Overseers of the Poor take great pleasure in calling the attention of the town to the faithful manner in which the Superintendent and his Wife have discharged their duties during the past year. No word of complaint has passed the lips of the feeble and helpless ones who have been under their charge, and the tender care which has been shown them is worthy of praise.

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to Marcia Witherell,	$62 50
Amasa Palmer and wife,	93 00
Richard Freeman and wife,	32 95
Hewitt Baker and family,	42 87
E. B. Howland and wife,	94 77
Mary A. Henderson and family,	6 50
James Thompson and family,	13 32
John Haly,	14 00
Thomas Mee and family,	43 92
Alice Brooker,	52 00
Lucretia Damon,	24 00
	$479 83

Received from the Town of Pembroke for Hewitt Baker and family.	$42 87	
Received from State, burial of J. Haly.	10 00	
		52 87
		$426 96
Due from Town of Hanover for supplies to Mary Henderson and family,	$6 50	
Due from State for Alice Brooker, for board the past year.	52 00	
		$58 50

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE AND BARN.

Paid for sink, drain pipe, and stove funnel.	$14 75
Mason's bill, brick, glazing, &c.,	7 95
Whittemore, Belcher & Co., for plow,	7 50
J. Merritt, repairs on Wagon, hearse, and blacksmithing,	29 68
Lumber, sawing, and labor on sled and carts,	16 35
Wheelwright's bill on wagon,	6 00
To labor on Pound,	6 00
	$82 23

COMPENSATION TO TOWN OFFICERS

School Committee.

James Southworth, preparing reports and returns,	$8	00
" services as committee, 21 days.	31	50
" postage, stationery and horse hire,	1	50
Sam'l Waters, services as committee to March 21,	6	25
W. H. Fish, as services school committee,	16	00
Lucy Turner, " " " 15 days,	22	50
	$85	75

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

George K. Cushing, services from Feb. 1, 1870, to March 21, 1870,	$21	75
Thomas B. Waterman, for same services,	18	00
Edward Stowell, for same services,	16	50
" " " from March 21, 1872, to Feb. 1, 1871, 65½ days.	131	00
Edward Stowell, horse hire and travelling expenses.	20	00
Thomas B. Waterman, services from March 21, 1870, to Feb. 1, 1871, 46 days,	92	00
Charles A. Litchfield, services from March 21, 1870, to Feb. 1, 1871, 40 days,	80	00
	$379	25

Town Clerk.

E. T. Fogg, for registering Marriages, Births, and Deaths, &c.		$22 05

Constables.

C. W. Sparrell, warning Town meetings,	$16 00	
Wm. C. Litchfield, " " officers,	6 00	
		22 00

Road and Bridge Committee.

Richard P. Briggs, services as committee,	4 00
	$513 05

TAXES ABATED AND GIVEN UP

James L. Hunt,	1868 and 1869	$4 78
Josiah W. Collins,	"	2 78
Jo. T. Corlew,	"	2 78
Morris Gammon,	" "	5 56
Edwin F. Damon,	"	2 78
Robert C. Gardner,	" "	6 37
Andrew N. Greene,	"	2 78
Robert N. Hunt,	"	2 78
Oliver C. Kimball,	"	20 87
Edwin J. Stoddard,	"	3 56
Frank L. Bowker,	"	2 78
George W. Griggs,	"	2 78

James Thompson.		"	4 50
Andrew F. Jacobs.		"	2 78
John Stoddard.	1867. "	"	8 85
Elijah Cudworth.		1870.	4 00
Treasurer of South Parish Fund		abatement of tax.	4 27
Henry F. Stoddard, 1869.			2 78
Willie A. Davis, 1870.			2 00
Charles C. Young, 1870.			2 00
			$91 78

LIST OF JURORS.

For Acceptance or Revision of the Town.

Charles Grace,	Jos. T. Litchfiele,	Wm. B. Pratt,
Seth Foster,	Rich'd P. Briggs.	H. N. Gardner,
Thos. H. Gardner,	Chas. H. Farrar.	Matthew Stetson,
Geo. O. Torrey,	W. B. Barker.	Wm. W. Collamore,
Henry F. Ford,	A. J. Litchfield,	E. T. Vinal.
Joseph H. Curtis,	Chas. C. Young.	Martin S. Curtiss,
David Torrey, Jr.	Thos. B. Greene.	Samuel Waters,
William Hatch.	Peleg Curtis.	Walter Simmons,
Samuel Turner.	Geo. K. Cushing,	George P. Clapp.
	Harrison Wilder.	

RECAPITULATION OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.

From February 1, 1870, to February 1, 1871.

Tax assessed for 1870,	$13,493 65
Cash received, Fish Rights,	14 00
" " Town Flats,	45 70
" " Corporation Tax,	1,979 93
" " State Aid,	1,092 16
" " Use of Town Hall,	97 31
" " Pedlars' Licenses,	12 00
" " School Books,	65 81
Due the town for highway arrears,	408 77
" from State, for support of Ellis Brooker,	52 00
" " town of Hanson, for support of Mary A. Henderson, and family,	6 50
	$17,267 83

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1871.

Miscellaneous expenses,	$552 07
Schools,	2,000 00
State aid,	900 00
Roads and bridges,	1,586 02
Repairs on school houses,	293 25
Removing snow,	1,143 47

Highway arrears,	$498 77
Gravel,	47 56
Removing obstructions,	55 35
Extra labor on roads,	35 94
Guide boards,	61 41
On account of Hingham and Quincy Bridges,	608 92
Town officers,	513 05
Taxes abated and given up,	91 78
Expenses of poor at almshouse,	1,219 77
" " out "	479 83
Repairs on almshouse, &c.	82 23
Paid State tax,	2,275 00
County,	1,143 20
Interest on Town debt,	1,150 00
Salary due Town Treasurer,	100 00
Outstanding bills estimated,	500 00
	$15,247 62
Balance in favor of the Town,	2,020 21
	$17,267 83

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

DR.

Note in favor of Joseph T. Litchfield,	$725 00
" Daniel Otis,	1,000 00
" So. Scituate Savings Bank,	7,832 00

Note in favor of M. E. Church,		$200 00
"	Sally Wise,	625 00
"	C. W. Sylvester,	470 00
"	H. T. Sylvester,	200 00
"	Michael Ford,	1,025 00
"	Foster & Fogg,	2,325 00
"	Ebenezer Stetson,	200 00
"	Walter Foster,	300 00
"	R. V. C. Turner:	575 00
"	George Beasley,	200 00
"	Mrs. Howard Bowker,	400 00
Interest due on the above,		318 53
Amount due Treasurer and Collector,		100 00
Estimated amount due the several schools,		850 00
Bills outstanding, estimated at		500 00
		$18,145 53

OR.

Cash and outstanding taxes in hands of Treasurer,	$3,935 94
Due from the Commonwealth for State aid,	936 38
" " aid to State paupers,	225 74
" C. T. Fogg, trustee estate of Eunice Damon,	148 64
	$5,246 70

Balance against the Town,	$12,898 83
	$18,145 53

Making a gain of $2,337 09, since Feb. 1, 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD STOWELL,
THOS. B. WATERMAN,
CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD.

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor.

ASSESOR'S REPORT.

MONEY TAX.

Total value of personal estate.	$250,840 00	
" Real, "	586,309 00	
" valuation May 1, 1870,		837 149
Rate of taxation, $1,50 on $100.		
Tax on personal estate,	$3,762 63	
" real estate,	8,895 04	
" polls,	920 00	
		$13,477 67
State tax,	$2,275 00	
County tax,	1143 20	
Town tax for support of schools,	2,000 00	

Support of poor and incidentals,	$8,000 00	
Overlayings,	29 47	
		$13,477 67
School books,		15 98
Total tax,		$13,493 65

HIGHWAY TAX.

Amount voted to be raised by the Town,	$2,000 00

Rate of taxation, $2 00 on $1,000 00.

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CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD,
Assessors.

E. T. FOGG, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE.

DR.

To taxes outstanding, March 12, 1870,	$1,468 03
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	1,090 25
Assessment of 1870,	13,493 65
Cash on notes given by Treasurer,	2,600 00
Sale of fish rights,	14 00
" Town flats,	45 70
Joseph Merritt, 2d., for land,	10 00

Israel Nash, for Pound.	$8 00
Pedlars' licenses.	12 00
Town of Marshfield, for bridges.	31 36
C. P. Bradley.	50 00
State aid refunded.	1,092 16
Corporation tax refunded.	1,979 93
State paupers.	10 00
Town of Hingham, for support of Chin.	29 90
Board of Eunice Damon.	148 00
State School Fund.	184 14
E. T. Fogg, sale of school books.	56 27
Susie Tree, for coffin.	4 00
	$22,327 39

CR.

By cash paid on Selectmen's orders and allowances.	$10,140 65
Notes and interest.	4,819 76
State tax.	2,275 00
County tax.	1,143 20
Scituate tax.	12 84
Taxes outstanding.	2,363 84
	$20755 29
Cash to Balance.	1,572 10
	$22,327 39

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY THE TOWN TO NAME THE STREETS.

Bowker Street.—From Main Street, near the house of Richmond Farrar, past the house of James I. Sears, to Grove Street.

Bridge Street.—From Main Street, near the house of Seth Thomas, to Union Bridge.

Circuit Street.—From Main Street, near the house of Sylvanus Clapp, past the houses of Andrew Green and George Torrey, to Forest Street.

Central Street.—From Main Street, near Fogg's store, past the house of William Hatch, to Scituate line.

Cedar Street.—From Summer Street, near the house of Paul D. Briggs, east to Scituate line.

Cross Street.—From Central Street, past the house of James Sampson, to Main Street.

Common Street.—From River Street, past the house of L. C. Waterman, to Mill Street.

Common Street Avenue.—From River Street, intersecting Common Street, near L. C. Waterman's.

Church Street.—From River Street, near the Methodist Church to Mill Street.

Dover Street.—From River Street, past the house of Hannah Dover, to Main Street.

Elm Street.—From River Street, past the house of Eben Stetson, to the Methodist Church on River St.

Forest Street.—From River Street, past the house of Esther Turner, to Circuit Street.

Forest Avenue.—From River Street, past the house of John Kehoe, to Forest Street.

Green Street.—From River Street, past the house of Cummings Litchfield, to Pleasant Street.

Grove Street.—From near Half-way House, past Abel Vinal's, to Bryant's corner.

High Street.—From near Half-way House, past the house of Charles Groce, to Hanover line.

Jacobs Avenue.—From Main Street, past the house of Loring Jacobs, to Prospect Street.

Lincoln Street.—From Main Street, past G. K. Cushing's, to Perez Turner's.

Main Street.—From Hanover line, past Jacob's mill and Town Hall, to Scituate line.

Mill Street.—From River Street, near Neil's Corner, past the hoese of Samuel Tolman, Jr., to Hanover line.

Mount Blue Street.—From Central Street, near the house of William Turner, past the house of Liba Litchfield, to Hingham line.

Mount Hope Street.—From Mount Blue Street, at Stockbridge's corner, east to Scituate line.

Neal Street.—From Main Street, towards Little's bridge, to Scituate line.

Norwell's Avenue.—From Central Street, past the house of Henry Norwell, to Bryant's corner.

Oak Street.—From Washington Street, near school house, Dist. No. 1, to High Street.

Parker Street.—From Main Street, past the house of Alfred Pincens, to Winter Street.

Pine Street.—From Common Street, near G. P. Clapp's, past the house of Nathaniel Turner, to Circuit Street.

Pleasant Street.—From Circuit Street, past the house of Daniel Otis, to Hanover line, near Gardner's mill.

Pond Street.—From Hingham line, near the house of Mrs. Glover, past Accord Pond, to Abington line.

Prospect Street.—From Sally Farrar's corner, past the house of Piam Jacobs, to Hingham line.

River Street.—From Main Street, near Fogg's store, southerly past Torry's factory to Barstow's bridge, Hanover line.

School Street.—From Grove Street, near school house in Dist. No. 3, to Mount Blue Street.

South Street.—From Main Street, near Jones's Factory, past the house of Thomas Jones, to Pleasant St.

Summer Street.—From Central Street, past the house of James P. Briggs, north to Scituate line.

WASHINGTON STREET.—From Hingham line, past the Half-way House, to Hanover line.

WEST STREET.—From Main Street, crossing River Street, past the Cemetary, to Dover Street.

WINTER STREET.—From Main Street, past the house of Samuel Turner, to Scituate line.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. COLLAMORE,
BENJAMIN JACOBS,
ABEL VINAL,
WILLIAM HATCH,
WILLARD TORREY,
HARVEY BATES,
LEMUEL C. WATERMAN,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS B. WATERMAN,
CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,

Committee.

BIRTHS.

Date.		Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1869			
Dec.	14	Elizabeth Allen Young,	Benjamin M. and Ardelia N
1870			
Jan.	17	Herbert William Hunt,	James L and Amanda A.
"	19	Nellie A. Jacobs,	Phillip C. and Ellen E.
Feb.	19	Francis Monahan.	Patrick and Mary.
Mar.	1	Lizzie Francis Coleman,	Elisha and Abby F.
"	6	Emma Melville Gardner,	John D. and Berthia C.
"	12	Edgar William Sprague,	Daniel and Sarah E.
"	15	Sarah Francis Merritt,	Charles H. and Francis
"	16	Mary Lizzie Williamson,	Charles and Catherine
"	16	Carl Wilner Studley,	Edwin and Matilda
"	31	John W. Hatch,	John W. and Sarah
April	15	Edward Burton Prouty,	Oliver and Caroline
"	17	Caroline May Ford,	Coleman and Arabella
"	25	Anna J Knapp,	John and Hannah A.
May	4	Grace Altha Farrar,	William H. and Josephine
"	15	Mabel Rose Studley,	George and Mary A.
"	27	Edwin G. Litchfield,	Edwin and Cora
"	31	Nellie Mildred Hatch,	Cushing and Abby
June	10	Joseph Tolman,	Thomas J. and Harriett
"	25	Anna E. Richardson,	Andrew S. and Mabala
"	28	Elsworth Curtis,	Frederic and Martha W.
July	1	Andrew N. Green,	Andrew N. and Adaline
"	5	——— Tree,	Susan Tree
"	5	Frederic Jones,	Marcellus and Matilda
"	16	——— Bates,	Lorenzo and Mary C.
Oct.	8	Alfred and Edwin Hayden,	George B. and Louisa J.
"	3	George Crooker Waterman,	Thomas B. and Clara C.
Nov.	16	——— Hyland,	Edmund and Elizabeth
"	20	——— Curtis,	Joseph H. and Henrietta
"	25	Bertha Damon,	Josiah A. and Anna R.
"	29	John Francis Leavitt,	Charles M. and Matilda A.
		Edson L. Ford,	Nathan S. and Ruth A.

STATISTICS FURNISHED BY TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES, 1870.

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Occupation.	Birth Place.
Mar. 3.	Henry D. Litchfield.	So. Scituate.	Mariner.	Bath, Me.
	Julia Barrell.	"		S. Scituate.
June 4	Gustavus S. Totman.	"	Shoemaker.	Scituate.
	Emma Bates.	Hanover.		Hanover.
" 19.	Henry W. Maine.	So. Scituate.	Boot Crimper.	S. Scituate.
	Phœbe A. Bates.	Hanover.		Hanover.
Aug. 3.	Andrew H. Francis.	Boston.	Clerk.	Boston.
	Henrietta L. Peirce.	"		"
" 21.	Wilbur F. Gardner.	So. Scituate.	Box Maker.	S. Scituate.
	Susan E. Ainsley.	"		Cohasset.
Sept. 6.	John G. Briggs.	Hanover.	Shoecutter.	Hanover.
	Ella G. Clapp.	So. Scituate.		Scituate.
" 8.	Hewit Baker, Jr.	"	Shoemaker.	Marshfield.
	Mary O. Wilder.	Hingham.		Hingham.
" 17.	Henry Franks.	So. Scituate.	Shoemaker.	S. Scituate.
	Mariah L. Cromwell.	"		N. Bridge.
Oct. 22.	Luther J. Ewell.	"	Gentleman.	Pembroke.
	Lucy B. Holmes.	Marshfield.		Marshfield.
Nov. 20.	William F. Henderson.	"	Shoemaker.	Hanover.
	Mary S. Stoddard.	"		Marshfield.
" 24.	William O. Merritt, Jr.	So. Scituate.	Caulker.	Scituate.
	Alice P. French.	"		S. Scituate.
" 24.	Daniel Perry, Jr.	Abington.	Trader.	Abington.
	Lizzie Hatch.	"		S. Scituate.
" 27.	George W. Bailey.	So. Scituate.	Shoecutter.	Abington.
	Eloener S. Torrey.	"		Scituate.
Dec. 18.	William J. Hayden.	"	Bootmaker.	S. Scituate.
1871.	Vesta Ewell.	"		"
Jan. 1.	Frederick Dill.	E. Abington.	Manufacturer.	E. Abington.
	Eveline F. Hatch.	So. Scituate.		S. Scituate.
" 1.	Willie Randall.	"	Shoemaker.	"
	Cora M. Chandler.	"		Duxbury.

DEATHS.

Date.		Name.	Age	Birth-place.	Disease.
1870					
Jan.	7	Mandana Bowker,	39	So. Scituate.	Consumption.
"	11	Georgianna Patterson,	15	" "	Typhoid Fever.
"	13	Gad Leavitt,	74	" "	Suicide.
"	21	Mary L. Winslow,	25	" "	
Feb.	19	Sophia A. Cazneau,	13	" "	Consumption.
April	7	Lizzie Winslow,	7m	" "	Infl. of Brain.
"	9	James Farall,	43	Ireland,	Consumption.
May	3	Rachel Clapp,	87	So. Scituate,	Old age.
"	8	Eunice B. Damon,	44	" "	Consumption.
"	12	Persie French,	2	" "	Cong. of Lungs.
"	14	John Burton Corthell,	10m	" "	Pneumonia.
"	14	Ira Barker,	79	Hanson,	Cong. of Lungs.
"	31	F. Eldred Ford,	9	Marshfield,	Scarlet Fever.
June	4	Levi T. Lincoln,	10	So. Scituate,	" "
"	4	Seth Vinal,	78	Marshfield,	Old age.
"	17	Deborah Stockbridge,	62	Hanover,	Dropsy.
"	19	Elijah Litchfield,	44	Scituate.	Thistota.
July	8	Rachel Briggs,	63	So. Scituate,	Cancer.
Aug.	9	John Spencer,	68	Wales, England,	Heart Disease.
"	10	Charles Foster,	89	So. Scituate,	Old age.
"	20	Lucinda Copeland,	80	" "	Apoplexy.
"	18	Mary Stetson,	77	Marblehead,	Consumption.
"	25	John Haley,	32	Ireland,	Stoppage.
Sept.	5	Lucy A. Gardner,	29	Marshfield,	Typhoid Fever.
"	7	Mary L. Peirce,	79	Boston,	Cong. of Liver.
"	21	Allen Clapp,	58	So. Scituate,	Consumption.
"	28	Amasa Palmer,	77	Hanover,	Dropsy.
		——— Tree,	3m	So. Scituate,	Consumption.
Oct.	19	Esther C. Gardner,	10	" "	Diptheria.
"	29	Ella C. Gardner,	14	" "	"
Dec.	22	Deborah R. Farrar,	74	Hingham,	Accident.

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TOWN OFFICERS,

CHOSEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 21, 1870.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseer of the Poor.

EDWARD STOWELL, THOS. B. WATERMAN,
CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD.

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector.

EBEN T. FOGG.

School Committee.

WILLIAM H. FISH, term expires March 1871.
JAMES SOUTHWORTH, " " 1872.
LUCY TURNER, " " 1873.

Constables.

CHAS. H. LITCHFIELD, CHARLES W. SPARRELL,
WILLIAM C. LITCHFIELD, ALPHEUS THOMAS.

Committee on Roads and Bridges.

PIAM JACOBS, ROBERT V. C. TURNER.

Auditor of Accounts.

ELISHA JACOBS.

Surveyors of Highways.

District,	District,
No. 1.—D. M. Willcutt,	No. 13.—John Cushing,
" 2.—Wm. Prouty, Jr.	" 14.—George O. Torrey,
" 3.—Piam Jacobs,	" 15.—Philip Foster,
" 4.—Barton R. Jacobs,	" 16.—Nath'l Turner,
" 5.—Edw. W. Brooks,	" 17.—John Gardner, Jr.
" 6.—David W. Studley,	" 18.—John Gardner,
" 7.—Liba Litchfield,	" 19.—Sylvanus Clapp,
" 8.—Eben T. Fogg,	" 20.—Richard P. Briggs,
" 9.—Josiah Cushing,	" 21.—James W. Sampson.
" 10.—Luther Damon.	" 22.—Thos. H. Gardner,
" 11.—R. V. C. Turner,	" 23.—Alpheus Thomas,
" 12.—Lincoln Ellms.	" 24.—Loring Jacobs.

Agents for the several School Houses.

No. 1.—Dexter M. Willcutt,	No. 4.—A. J. Litchfield,
" 2.—Edwin Jacobs,	" 5.—Chas. W. Sparrell,
" 3.—David W. Studley,	" 6.—Chas. H. Litchfield,

No. 7.—John Gardner, Jr.

Fence Viewers.

Samuel Waters, Coleman Ford, Liba Litchfield.

Surveyors of Lumber.

T. B. Waterman,	Samuel Waters,	Joseph Clapp.
Amos H. Tilden,	David W. Turner,	Allen Clapp,
Wm. B. Pratt,	Eleazar Hatch,	Philip Foster,
	Augustus Gardner.	

Field Drivers.

Dexter M. Willcutt,	Nath'l Turner,
William Prouty, Jr.	Philip Foster,
Piam Jacobs,	John Gardner, Jr.
Barton R. Jacobs,	John Gardner,
Edward W. Brooks,	Sylvanus Clapp,
Liba Litchfield,	Richard P. Briggs,
Lincoln Ellms,	Thos. H. Gardner,
John Cushing,	Alpheus Thomas,
George O. Torrey,	Edwin R. Studly.

Pound Keeper.

John Corthell.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, school books, 1869,	$46	52
James L. Hammett, " " "	2	37
G. K. Cushing, expenses to State almshouse to carry H. Williams, a State pauper,	5	50
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, school books, 1870,	109	71
R. M. Pulsifer, advertising for almshouse keeper,	7	20
Thomas J. Tolman, cash paid for engineers on N. River,	12	60
Andrews Brothers, printing annual report	48	00
" " " school "	22	00
James L. Hunt, cash for hearse hire,	3	00
William H. Fish, " " school books,	31	50

Israel Nash, for hearse house,	$200 00
J. F. Farmer, printing voting list,	19 50
H. A. Turner, discount on pig,	3 50
Willard Torrey, cedar post for Pound,	3 72
Edward Stowell, for Herrick's Town Officer,	2 50
George Wilson, repairs on well near H. Bowker's,	2 00
Collamore & Gardner, freight on stove, 1869,	2 00
James Southworth, blackboard brushes,	5 00
E. T. Fogg, ink, crayons, &c., for several S. houses,	5 09
" postage, ink, stationery, expressing, &c.	7 31
Seth Foster, expressing, printing, &c.	13 05
	$552 07

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

James C. Church, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
George A. Bates, making fires,	3 00
James C. Church, teaching Spring and Summer terms,	104 00
Maria J. Metcalf " Summer and Fall terms,	96 00
	$323 00

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Helen Driver, teaching Winter term,	$88 00
Maria Jacobs, " " "	24 00

Clara C. Sherman, teaching Spring term,	$30 00
Deborah C. Hatch, " Summer "	152 00
Simeon Danon, making fires,	3 50
Edwin Jacobs, wood and fitting,	22 00
	$310 50

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

Mary P. Howland, teaching Winter term,	$24 00
Martha R. Pierce, " " and Summer terms,	272 00
Amos O. Sprague, making fires,	3 05
D. W. Studley, wood and fitting,	24 50
	$323 55

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Marianna Gay, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
Albert Brown, making fires,	3 00
Marianna Gay, teaching Spring and Summer terms,	104 00
Sarah B. Jacobs, " Summer and Fall terms,	90 00
A. J. Litchfield, wood and fitting,	22 00
	$339 00

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Cynthia A. Foss, teaching Winter and Spring terms,	$210 00

Emma Torrey, assistant teaching,	$7 50
C. A. Foss, making fires,	4 00
Lydia F. Hunt, teaching Summer term,	90 00
" " Winter "	48 00
	$391 50

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

Hattie R. Gardner, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
Mary P. Howland, teaching Summer term,	97 50
" " " and Fall,	96 00
John Green, making fires,	3 00
C. H. Litchfield, wood and fitting,	25 00
John Turner, "	5 50
	$347 00

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Minnie Goodnow, teaching Winter term,	$120 00
Clara F. Curtis, assistant teacher,	12 00
Herbert Stetson, making fires,	4 00
E. W. Hastings, teaching Summer term,	104 00
Emma Savage, assistant,	10 00
Rebecca C. Brooks, teaching Fall "	96 00
——— ——— Assistant teacher,	5 87
T. J. Tolman, wood and fitting,	15 00
John Gardner, Jr. "	26 34
	$393 21

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL HOUSES.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

James House, ink, crayons, and repairs,	1 85

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

Simeon Damon, for furniture,	2 00
Fred H. Curtis, for lumber, hardware, and labor,	58 56
Ashael Wheeler, for paint stock,	45 80
Snow Bryant, " $18\frac{3}{10}$ days work	54 90
" " painting blinds,	6 40
" " glass, putty, &c.	2 18
Stephen O. Jacobs, bricks, mortar, cement, and labor,	27 98
Edwin Jacobs, for cleaning house, furniture and repairs,	13 14
Edward Stowell, for stove, funnell, &c.	34 21
Collamore & Gardner, freight on stove,	1 50
	$246 67

CREDIT.

By stock sold,	6 41
	$240 26

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

David W. Studley, repairs, &c.	$7 15
Snow Bryant, painting black board,	1 25
	$8 40

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

Andrew J. Litchfield, for furniture and repairs.	$5 67

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

Jonathan Hatch, cleaning stove funnell,	$2 00
C. W. Sparrell, cleaning house and repairs.	8 50
	$10 50

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

C. H. Litchfield, for repairs on fence.	$8 00
W. H. Fish, for furniture.	1 98
	$9 98

DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

Samuel D. Stetson, repairs on school house.	$15 06
John Gardner, Jr. for furniture.	1 53
	$16 59

Total expenditure for school houses. $293 25.

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

For twelve months ending Feb. 1, 1871.

Matilda B. Stoddard.	$48 00
Elisha Coleman.	72 00
Hannah Dover.	48 00

Ruth B. Foster,	$48 00
Riley E. Jenkins,	24 00
John Lewis,	54 00
Betsey B. Sylvester,	48 00
James Thompson,	86 00
Catharine J. Mee,	10 00
Jarius W. Leavitt,	18 00
Charles H. Totman, guardian,	96 00
Mary Spencer,	48 00
Edward P. Tolman,	72 00
George B. Hayden,	54 00
E. T. Fogg, guardian,	36 00
Joseph B. Goodrich,	36 00
Charles D. Barnard,	42 00
	$900 00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Received for use of Town Hall,		$140 17
Paid for wood,	$6 75	
Lamps,	14 00	
Wax,	2 65	
Oil, chimneys, setting glass, and repairs,	19 46	
		42 86
Balance in favor of Town Hall,		$97 31

EXPENDITURES FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Expenses of building the second section of Mountain Road: —

Piam Jacobs,	33½ days at $2 per day,			$67 00
"	93 days, oxen,			255 75
George Babb,	31 days at $1.75 per day,			54 25
E. B. Damon,	32	"	"	56 00
Dan'l D. Sprague,	24	"	"	42 00
D. W. Studley,	27½	"	"	48 12
G. Ford,	27	"	"	47 25
J. Ford,	27	"	"	47 25
H. Stoddard,	32½	"	"	56 87
J. S. Clapp,	30	"	"	52 50
L. Jacobs,	8	"	"	14 00
W. Simmons, and oxen, 14 days at $4.50 per day,				49 50
Eben Brown,	32 days at $1.50 per day,			48 00
E. Brown,	31 "	1.00	"	31 00
L. Lincoln,	27½ "	"	"	27 50
O. Sprague,	32½ "	"	"	32 50
H. Sprague,	29½ "	"	"	29 50
R. V. C. Turner,	1½ "	1.75	"	2 62
G. Ford, 300 loads gravel,				9 00
William Turner, for gravel,				3 00
C. & J. Damon,	"			3 00

Sharpening drills,	$2 00
Ten pounds powder,	2 00
	$1,043 61
R. V. C. Turner, for widening bridge at Merritt's Corner,	9 75

Expense of building a part of the road leading from William Hatch's to Amos H. Tilden's:—

Piam Jacobs,	9½	days at	$2 per day,	$19 00
"	oxen, 19	days at	$2.75 per day,	52 25
Antoin Joseph,	and oxen, 4	days,		18 00
George W. Babb,	9	days at	$1.75 per day,	15 75
E. B. Damon,	5	"	"	8 75
G. Ford,	12½	"	"	21 87
Joseph Ford,	11	"	"	19 25
Charles Williamson,	7	"	"	12 25
R. V. C. Turner,	18	"	"	31 50
Antoin Joseph,	5½	days, with team,		24 75
A. J. Litchfield,	5⅓	"	"	24 00
D. Sprague,	7	"	at $1.75 per day,	12 25
H. Stoddard,	8½	"	" "	14 00
J. S. Clapp,	½	"	" "	87
D. W. Studley,	½	"	" "	87
E. Brown,	5½	"	" "	7 50
H. Sprague,	9½	"	at $1 per day,	9 50
E. Brown,	6½	"	"	6 50
C. Sprague,	3	"	"	3 00

Piam Jacobs, man and four oxen, ½ day,	$5 62
William Hatch, 61 loads gravel,	3 66
Mrs. Theodore Turner, 184 loads gravel,	11 04
" for land,	16 00
Gustavus S. Turner, "	20 00
	$358 18

Repairs on road, and expense of building two bridges near the South Meeting House: —

Piam Jacobs,	7½ days at $2 per day,		$15 00
"	13 " work oxen, at $2.75 per day,		35 75
L. Brown,	7½ " at $1, per day,		7 50
C. Sprague,	1 " " "		1 00
E. Brown,	4½ " at $1.50 "		6 75
G. Ford,	7½ " 1.75 "		13 12
Jos. Ford,	4½ " " "		7 87
G. W. Babb,	7 " " "		12 25
E. B. Damon,	1 " " "		1 75
N. Sylvester,	half " " "		87
D. Sprague,	3 " " "		5 25
D. Damon,	1 " " "		1 75
Sylvanus Clapp, and team,	2½ days at $4.50, per day,		11 25
A. J. Litchfield,	1½ day, with team,		6 00
Antoin Joseph,	1 " "		4 00
G. Ford,	1½ days,		2 62
J. Ford,	1½ "		2 62
R. V. C. Turner,	1½		2 62

Cash paid for stone,	$3 00
" gravel,	3 90
	$144 87

Expenses of repairing the road from Wilson's Hill to Scituate line.

Robert V. C. Turner, 5 days' labor at $1.75 per day,	$8 87
G. D. Sampson, 2½ " " "	4 37
" horse and cart, 2 days,	3 50
James Sampson, half day,	87
Antoin Joseph, 2 days, with team,	8 50
" 2 " mowing bushes,	3 50
	$29 61

Total expenditure for Roads and Bridges, $1,586.02.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

District.	Removing snow.	Highway arrears.	Gravel.	Extra labor.	Removing obstruc'ns.
No. 1,	$24 15				
" 2,	141 80	$38 69			
" 3, 23,	59 25	15 50			
" 4,	88 34	39 06	$7 20		$4 00
" 5,	43 50	23 08		$10 00	4 48
" 6,	71 48	30 89			10 00
" 7,	32 60	18 75	1 00	3 50	
" 8,	30 60	24 41	7 92	7 00	
" 9,	92 40	37 40	11 34		14 87
" 10,	18 69	19 25	3 00		
" 11,	21 90	6 09	4 50	4 20	
" 12,	45 75	10 33			22 00
" 13,	42 84			1 75	
" 14,	16 24	40 25			
" 15,	21 75	11 70	3 60		
" 16,	17 50	21 50			
" 17,	74 70		2 80		
" 18,	69 71			5 75	
" 19,	75 47				
" 20,	25 50	22 82			
" 21,	40 90				
" 22,	71 77	14 74	5 20	3 74	
" 23, 3,	13 80	34 31			
" 24,	2 83		1 00		
	$1,143 47	$408 77	$47 56	$35 94	$55 35

REPORT ON GUIDE BOARDS.

John Collier, for painting twenty-four boards,	$12 00
Thomas R. Lawrence, painting twenty-one boards,	10 50

1869.

G. K. Cushing, 7½ days setting posts, making boards and putting up the same,	15 00
For one cedar post,	75
For 75 feet of lumber for boards,	4 50

1870.

G. R. Cushing, for 4 days' work on Guide boards,	10 00
" " 38 feet lumber,	2 66
" " 2 posts,	1 50
" " painting and lettering 5 boards,	4 50
	$61 41

EXPENDITURES FOR THE QUINCY AND HINGHAM BRIDGES.

Paid Trustees, assessment from March, 1869, to March 5, 1870,	$111 87
" James Humphrey, as Treasurer of Trustees, on account,	250 00
" Harris & Tucker, for assessment of expense of commission,	164 80

Paid Edward Stowell, for services as committee, and expenses, twenty-one days,	$74 59
" E. Stowell, for horse hire to Scituate, and notifying evidences.	3 75
" C. A. Litchfield, two day's services as committee at Commissioner's hearing,	4 00
	$608 92

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

Corn and meal, 140 bush.	$161 24
Flour, 11 bbls.	103 00
Fine feed,	2 90
Molasses, 58 gallons,	15 80
Plaster,	2 16
Tea, 48 lbs.	16 55
Sugar, 395 lbs.	55 40
Meat and fish,	169 44
Snuff, $7.50; butter, $57.54,	65 04
Cotton cloth, calico, and other dry goods,	52 18
Boots and shoes.	15 27
Salt, $5.00; oil, 15.38; medicine, $10.50,	30 88
Coffee, $9.45; raisins, $3.29; lamps and chimneys, $2.84,	15 58
Soda, starch, bread-raiser and corn starch,	15 28
Cheese, $5.28; clothing, $3.97,	9 25

Crackers, $6.77; matches, $3.00; rice, $3.50,	$13 07
Dried apples, $10.60; ham, $3.62,	14 22
Crockery, $3.25; tobacco, $13.40; eggs, $2.00,	18 65
Cocoa and shells, $1.67; lard, $12.49,	14 16
Grass and garden seeds, $3.29; oats, .40,	3 69
Brooms, $1.60; soap, .20; clothes line, .80,	2 60
Pails, .60; Turnips, .74; sweet potatoes, $2.00,	3 34
Onions, bed cord, herrings and sage,	5 48
Meat, tripe and sausages,	54 86
Dr. Howes, medical attendance,	7 75
Dr. Brownell " " at almshouse,	34 50
On Dyer children, and Susie Uree,	12 25
Andrew J. Litchfield, plowing one day,	4 50
Abel Sylvester, dry goods,	8 27
Edward Stowell, for butter,	4 00
Sundries,	11 12
Alfred Hale & Co. rubber bed spread,	5 00
George E. Jacobs, dry goods,	8 27
Wilner Brothers, clothing,	3 80
George Beasley, as almshouse keeper, from Feb. 1, to April 19, 1870,	55 17
Mrs. Edwin Studley, for services as keeper, from April 19 to April 28,	10 00
Oscar F. Healey, for services as keeper from April 28 to Feb. 1, 1871,	227 46
J. Torrey, soap in 1869,	9 00
Wood and provisions on hand less than last year,	50 00

ARTICLES FURNISHED BY THE KEEPER.

Fish and lobsters, $13.37; filing saws, $2.00.	15 37
Dry goods, $7.70; bread, &c. $11.60; medicine, .15.	19 45
Fresh grass, $2.50; soap, $1.25; cranberries, .63.	4 38
Carriage hire, .50; cider apples .50; making cider, $1.50.	2 50
Butchering, $1.00; shoemaking, $2.05; coal, $4.47.	7 52
Meat, .25; oxen for harrowing, .75; groceries, $1.88.	2 88
Berries, .64; cabbage, .25; driving cow, $1.00.	1 89
Clothing for child of Susie Tree.	3 00
Paid for extra washing.	3 40
Tub and wash board,	1 70
	$1,433 22

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received for meals and lodgings.	$16 70
For tobacco, lard, potatoes and milk.	10 88
Cash received from former keeper.	19 60
Labor performed by keeper on Mountain road.	20 87
" " " near A. H. Tilden's.	15 38
Underpining hearse house and grading.	15 75

Received from C. P. Bradley, for borad of Susie Tree,	50 00
Received from town of Hingham, for board of Henry and Freddy Dyer,	29 90
Due from E. T. Fogg, trustee for board of Eunice Damon,	35 00
Board of 10¾ paupers, at $2.16 7/10 per week,	1,219 77
	$1,433 22

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

February 1, 1871.

Mary Williams,	Age, 60;	Admitted, 1840.
Lydia Gunderway,	" 56;	" 1844.
Silva Briggs,	" 67;	" 1855.
Jonathan Merritt,	" 76;	" 1858.
David Damon,	" 56;	Admitted, Dec. 2, 1862
Jefferson Damon,	" 54;	" " "
John Woodward,	" 78;	" Jan. 1, 1864.
Nancy Damon,	" 56;	" April 22, 1867.
Sarah Totman,	" 70;	" June 11, 1869.
Jeremiah Gundry,	" 84;	" Jan. 25, 1871.

DIED DURING THE YEAR.

Eunice Damon, May 8, aged 44 years.

——— Tree, Sept. 12, aged 10 weeks.

ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED DURING THE YEAR.

Susie Tree, Georgeana Tree, Catherine G. Mee, Louisa J. Mee, Josephine E. Mee, Henry Dyer, and Freddy Dyer.

The Overseers of the Poor take great pleasure in calling the attention of the town to the faithful manner in which the Superintendent and his Wife have discharged their duties during the past year. No word of complaint has passed the lips of the feeble and helpless ones who have been under their charge, and the tender care which has been shown them is worthy of praise.

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to Marcia Witherell,	$62 50
Amasa Palmer and wife,	93 00
Richard Freeman and wife,	32 95
Hewitt Baker and family,	42 87
E. B. Howland and wife,	94 77
Mary A. Henderson and family,	6 50
James Thompson and family,	13 32
John Haly,	14 00
Thomas Mee and family,	43 92
Alice Brooker,	52 00
Lucretia Damon,	24 00
	$479 83

Received from the Town of Pembroke for Hewitt Baker and family.	$42 87	
Received from State, burial of J. Haly.	10 00	
		52 87
		$426 96
Due from Town of Hanover for supplies to Mary Henderson and family,	$6 50	
Due from State for Alice Brocker, for board the past year.	52 00	
		$58 50

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE AND BARN.

Paid for sink, drain pipe, and stove funnel,	$14 75
Mason's bill, brick, glazing, &c.,	7 95
Whittemore, Belcher & Co., for plow,	7 50
J. Merritt, repairs on Wagon, hearse, and blacksmithing,	29 68
Lumber, sawing, and labor on sled and carts,	10 35
Wheelwright's bill on wagon,	6 00
To labor on Pound,	6 00
	$82 23

COMPENSATION TO TOWN OFFICERS

School Committee.

James Southworth, preparing reports and returns,	$8	00
" services as committee, 21 days,	31	50
" postage, stationery and horse hire,	1	50
Sam'l Waters, services as committee to March 21,	6	25
W. H. Fish, as services school committee,	16	00
Lucy Turner, " " " 15 days,	22	50
	$85	75

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

George K. Cushing, services from Feb. 1, 1870, to March 21, 1870,	$21	75
Thomas B. Waterman, for same services,	18	00
Edward Stowell, for same services,	16	50
" " " from March 21, 1872, to Feb. 1, 1871, 65½ days.	131	00
Edward Stowell, horse hire and travelling expenses,	20	00
Thomas B. Waterman, services from March 21, 1870, to Feb. 1, 1871, 46 days,	92	00
Charles A. Litchfield, services from March 21, 1870, to Feb. 1, 1871, 40 days,	80	00
	$379	25

Town Clerk.

E. T. Fogg, for registering Marriages, Births, and Deaths, &c.		$22 05

Constables.

C. W. Sparrell, warning Town meetings,	$16 00	
Wm. C. Litchfield, " " officers,	6 00	
		22 00

Road and Bridge Committee.

Richard P. Briggs, services as committee,	4 00
	$513 05

TAXES ABATED AND GIVEN UP.

James L. Hunt,	1868 and 1869.	$4 78
Josiah W. Collins,	"	2 78
Jo. T. Corlew,	"	2 78
Morris Gammon,	" "	5 56
Edwin F. Damon,	"	2 78
Robert C. Gardner,	" "	6 37
Andrew N. Greene,	"	2 78
Robert N. Hunt,	"	2 78
Oliver C. Kimball,	"	20 87
Edwin J. Stoddard,	"	3 56
Frank L. Bowker,	"	2 78
George W. Griggs,	"	2 78

James Thompson,		"	4 50
Andrew F. Jacobs,		"	2 78
John Stoddard,	1867, "	"	8 85
Elijah Cudworth,		1870,	4 00
Treasurer of South Parish Fund, abatement of tax.			4 27
Henry F. Stoddard, 1869,			2 78
Willie A. Davis, 1870,			2 00
Charles C. Young, 1870,			2 00
			$91 78

LIST OF JURORS.

For Acceptance or Revision of the Town.

Charles Groce,	Jos. T. Litchfiele,	Wm. B. Pratt,
Seth Foster,	Rich'd P. Briggs,	H. N. Gardner,
Thos. H. Gardner,	Chas. H. Farrar,	Matthew Stetson,
Geo. O. Torrey,	W. B. Barker,	Wm. W. Collamore,
Henry F. Ford,	A. J. Litchfield,	E. T. Vinal,
Joseph H. Curtis,	Chas. C. Young,	Martin S. Curtiss,
David Torrey, Jr.	Thos. B. Greene,	Samuel Waters,
William Hatch,	Peleg Curtis,	Walter Simmons,
Samuel Turner,	Geo. K. Cushing,	George P. Clapp.
	Harrison Wilder,	

RECAPITULATION OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.

From February 1, 1870, to February 1, 1871.

Tax assessed for 1870,	$13,493 65
Cash received, Fish Rights,	14 00
" " Town Flats,	45 70
" " Corporation Tax,	1,979 93
" " State Aid,	1,692 16
" " Use of Town Hall,	97 31
" " Pedlars' Licenses,	12 00
" " School Books,	65 81
Due the town for highway arrears,	408 77
" from State, for support of Ellis Brooker,	52 00
" " town of Hanson, for support of Mary A. Henderson, and family,	6 50
	$17,267 83

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1871.

Miscellaneous expenses,	$552 07
Schools,	2,000 00
State aid,	900 00
Roads and bridges,	1,586 02
Repairs on school houses,	293 25
Removing snow,	1,143 47

Highway arrears,	$408 77
Gravel,	47 56
Removing obstructions,	55 35
Extra labor on roads,	35 94
Guide boards,	61 41
On account of Hingham and Quincy Bridges,	608 92
Town officers,	513 05
Taxes abated and given up,	91 78
Expenses of poor at almshouse,	1,219 77
" " out "	479 83
Repairs on almshouse, &c.	82 23
Paid State tax,	2,275 00
County,	1,143 20
Interest on Town debt,	1,150 00
Salary due Town Treasurer,	100 00
Outstanding bills estimated,	500 00
	$15,247 62
Balance in favor of the Town,	2,020 21
	$17,267 83

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

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Note in favor of Joseph T. Litchfield,	$725 00
" Daniel Otis,	1,000 00
" So. Scituate Savings Bank,	7,832 00

Note in favor of M. E. Church,		$200 00
"	Sally Wise,	625 00
"	C. W. Sylvester,	470 00
"	H. T. Sylvester,	200 00
"	Michael Ford,	1,025 00
"	Foster & Fogg,	2,325 00
"	Ebenezer Stetson,	200 00
"	Walter Foster,	300 00
"	R. V. C. Turner;	575 00
"	George Beasley,	200 00
"	Mrs. Howard Bowker,	400 00
Interest due on the above,		318 53
Amount due Treasurer and Collector,		100 00
Estimated amount due the several schools,		850 00
Bills outstanding, estimated at		500 00
		$18,145 53

CR.

Cash and outstanding taxes in hands of Treasurer,	$3,935 94
Due from the Commonwealth for State aid,	936 38
" " aid to State paupers,	225 74
" C. T. Fogg, trustee estate of Eunice Damon,	148 64
	$5,246 70

Balance against the Town,	$12,898 83
	$18,145 53

Making a gain of $2,337 09, since Feb. 1, 1870.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD STOWELL,
THOS. B. WATERMAN,
CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD.

Selectmen and Overseers of Poor

ASSESOR'S REPORT.

MONEY TAX.

Total value of personal estate.	$250,840 00	
" Real, "	586,309 00	
" valuation May 1, 1870,		837 149
Rate of taxation, $1,50 on $100.		
Tax on personal estate,	$3,762 63	
" real estate,	8,895 04	
" polls.	920 00	
		$13,477 67
State tax,	$2,275 00	
County tax,	1143 20	
Town tax for support of schools.	2,000 00	

Support of poor and incidentals,	$8,000 00	
Overlayings,	29 47	
		$13,477 67
School books,		15 98
Total tax,		$13,493 65

HIGHWAY TAX.

Amount voted to be raised by the Town,	$2,000 00

Rate of taxation, $2 00 on $1,000 00.

EDWARD STOWELL,
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CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD,
Assessors.

E. T. FOGG, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE.

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To taxes outstanding, March 12, 1870,	$1,468 03
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	1,090 25
Assessment of 1870,	13,493 65
Cash on notes given by Treasurer,	2,600 00
Sale of fish rights,	14 00
" Town flats,	45 70
Joseph Merritt, 2d., for land,	10 00

Israel Nash, for Pound.	$8 00
Pedlars' licenses,	12 00
Town of Marshfield, for bridges,	31 36
C. P. Bradley,	50 00
State aid refunded,	1,092 16
Corporation tax refunded,	1,979 93
State paupers,	10 00
Town of Hingham, for support of Cain,	29 90
Board of Eunice Damon,	148 00
State School Fund,	184 14
E. T. Fogg, sale of school books,	56 27
Susie Tree, for coffin,	4 00
	$22,327 39

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By cash paid on Selectmen's orders and allowances,	$10,140 65
Notes and interest,	4,819 76
State tax,	2,275 00
County tax,	1,143 20
Scituate tax,	12 84
Taxes outstanding,	2,363 84
	$20755 29
Cash to Balance,	1,572 10
	$22,327 39

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY THE TOWN TO NAME THE STREETS.

Bowker Street.—From Main Street, near the house of Richmond Farrar, past the house of James I. Sears, to Grove Street.

Bridge Street.—From Main Street, near the house of Seth Thomas, to Union Bridge.

Circuit Street.—From Main Street, near the house of Sylvanus Clapp, past the houses of Andrew Green and George Torrey, to Forest Street.

Central Street.—From Main Street, near Fogg's store, past the house of William Hatch, to Scituate line.

Cedar Street.—From Summer Street, near the house of Paul D. Briggs, east to Scituate line.

Cross Street.—From Central Street, past the house of James Sampson, to Main Street.

Common Street.—From River Street, past the house of L. C. Waterman, to Mill Street.

Common Street Avenue.—From River Street, intersecting Common Street, near L. C. Waterman's.

Church Street.—From River Street, near the Methodist Church to Mill Street.

Dover Street.—From River Street, past the house of Hannah Dover, to Main Street.

Elm Street.—From River Street, past the house of Eben Stetson, to the Methodist Church on River St.

Forest Street.—From River Street, past the house of Esther Turner, to Circuit Street.

Forest Avenue.—From River Street, past the house of John Kehoe, to Forest Street.

Green Street.—From River Street, past the house of Cummings Litchfield, to Pleasant Street.

Grove Street.—From near Half-way House, past Abel Vinal's, to Bryant's corner.

High Street.—From near Half-way House, past the house of Charles Groce, to Hanover line.

Jacobs Avenue.—From Main Street, past the house of Loring Jacobs, to Prospect Street.

Lincoln Steeet.—From Main Street, past G. K. Cushing's, to Perez Turner's.

Main Street.—From Hanover line, past Jacob's mill and Town Hall, to Scituate line.

Mill Street.—From River Street, near Neil's Corner, past the hoese of Samuel Tolman, Jr., to Hanover line.

Mount Blue Street.—From Central Street, near the house of William Turner, past the house of Liba Litchfield, to Hingham line.

Mount Hope Street.—From Mount Blue Street, at Stockbridge's corner, east to Scituate line.

Neal Street.—From Main Street, towards Little's bridge, to Scituate line.

Norwell's Avenue.—From Central Street, past the house of Henry Norwell, to Bryant's corner.

Oak Street.—From Washington Street, near school house, Dist. No. 1, to High Street.

Parker Street.—From Main Street, past the house of Alfred Pincens, to Winter Street.

Pine Street.—From Common Street, near G. P. Clapp's, past the house of Nathaniel Turner, to Circuit Street.

Pleasant Street.—From Circuit Street, past the house of Daniel Otis, to Hanover line, near Gardner's mill.

Pond Street,—From Hingham line, near the house of Mrs. Glover, past Accord Pond, to Abington line.

Prospect Street.—From Sally Farrar's corner, past the house of Piam Jacobs, to Hingham line.

River Street.—From Main Street, near Fogg's store, southerly past Torry's factory to Barstow's bridge, Hanover line.

School Street.—From Grove Street, near school house in Dist. No. 3, to Mount Blue Street.

South Street.—From Main Street, near Jones's Factory, past the house of Thomas Jones, to Pleasant St.

Summer Street.—From Central Street, past the house of James P. Briggs, north to Scituate line.

WASHINGTON STREET.—From Hingham line, past the Halfway House, to Hanover line.

WEST STREET.—From Main Street, crossing River Street, past the Cemetary, to Dover Street.

WINTER STREET.—From Main Street, past the house of Samuel Turner, to Scituate line.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. COLLAMORE,
BENJAMIN JACOBS,
ABEL VINAL,
WILLIAM HATCH,
WILLARD TORREY,
HARVEY BATES,
LEMUEL C. WATERMAN,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS B. WATERMAN,
CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
Committee.

BIRTHS.

Date.		Name of Child.	Names of Parents.
1869			
Dec.	14	Elizabeth Allen Young,	Benjamin M. and Ardelia N.
1870			
Jan.	17	Herbert William Hunt,	James L. and Amanda A.
"	19	Nellie A. Jacobs,	Phillip C. and Ellen E.
Feb.	19	Francis Monahan,	Patrick and Mary.
Mar.	1	Lizzie Francis Coleman,	Elisha and Abby F.
"	6	Emma Melville Gardner,	John D. and Berthia C.
"	12	Edgar William Sprague,	Daniel and Sarah E.
"	15	Sarah Francis Merritt,	Charles H. and Francis
"	16	Mary Lizzie Williamson,	Charles and Catherine
"	16	Carl Wilner Studley,	Edwin and Matilda
"	31	John W. Hatch,	John W. and Sarah
April	15	Edward Burton Prouty,	Oliver and Caroline
"	17	Caroline May Ford,	Coleman and Arabella
"	25	Anna J. Knapp,	John and Hannah A.
May	4	Grace Altha Farrar,	William H. and Josephine
"	15	Mabel Rose Studley,	George and Mary A.
"	27	Edwin G. Litchfield,	Edwin and Cora
"	31	Nellie Mildred Hatch,	Cushing and Abby
June	10	Joseph Tolman,	Thomas J. and Harriett
"	25	Anna E. Richardson,	Andrew S. and Mahala
"	28	Elsworth Curtis,	Frederic and Martha W.
July	1	Andrew N. Green,	Andrew N. and Adaline
"	5	——— Tree,	Susan Tree
"	5	Frederic Jones,	Marcellus and Matilda
"	16	——— Bates,	Lorenzo and Mary C.
Oct.	8	Alfred and Edwin Hayden,	George B. and Louisa J.
"	3	George Crooker Waterman,	Thomas B. and Clara C.
Nov.	16	——— Hyland,	Edmund and Elizabeth
"	20	——— Curtis,	Joseph H. and Henrietta
"	25	Bertha Damon,	Josiah A. and Anna R.
"	29	John Francis Leavitt,	Charles M. and Matilda A.
		Edson L. Ford,	Nathan S. and Ruth A.

STATISTICS FURNISHED BY TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES, 1870.

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Occupation.	Birth Place.
Mar. 3.	Henry D. Litchfield.	So. Scituate.	Mariner.	Bath, Me.
	Julia Barrell.	"		S. Scituate.
June 4	Gustavus S. Totman.	"	Shoemaker.	Scituate.
	Emma Bates.	Hanover.		Hanover.
" 19.	Henry W. Maine.	So. Scituate.	Boot Crimper.	S. Scituate.
	Phœbe A. Bates.	Hanover.		Hanover.
Aug. 3.	Andrew H. Francis.	Boston.	Clerk.	Boston.
	Henrietta L. Peirce.	"		"
" 21.	Wilbur F. Gardner.	So. Scituate.	Box Maker.	S. Scituate.
	Susan E. Ainsley.	"		Cohasset.
Sept. 6.	John G. Briggs.	Hanover.	Shoecutter.	Hanover.
	Ella G. Clapp.	So. Scituate.		Scituate.
" 8.	Hewit Baker, Jr.	"	Shoemaker.	Marshfield.
	Mary O. Wilder.	Hingham.		Hingham.
" 17.	Henry Franks.	So. Scituate.	Shoemaker.	S. Scituate.
	Mariah L. Cromwell.	"		N. Bridge.
Oct. 22.	Luther J. Ewell.	"	Gentleman.	Pembroke.
	Lucy B. Holmes.	Marshfield.		Marshfield.
Nov. 20.	William F. Henderson.	"	Shoemaker.	Hanover.
	Mary S. Stoddard.	"		Marshfield.
" 24.	William O. Merritt, Jr.	So. Scituate.	Caulker.	Scituate.
	Alice P. French.	"		S. Scituate.
" 24.	Daniel Perry, Jr.	Abington.	Trader.	Abington.
	Lizzie Hatch.	"		S. Scituate.
" 27.	George W. Bailey.	So. Scituate.	Shoecutter.	Abington.
	Eloener S. Torrey.	"		Scituate.
Dec. 18.	William J. Hayden.	"	Bootmaker.	S. Scituate.
1871.	Vesta Ewell.	"		"
Jan. 1.	Frederick Dill.	E. Abington.	Manufacturer.	E. Abington.
	Eveline F. Hatch.	So. Scituate.		S. Scituate.
" 1.	Willie Randall.	"	Shoemaker.	"
	Cora M. Chandler.	"		Duxbury.

DEATHS.

Date.		Name.	Age	Birth-place.	Disease.
1870					
Jan.	7	Mandana Bowker,	39	So. Scituate.	Consumption.
"	11	Georgianna Patterson,	15	" "	Typhoid Fever.
"	13	Gad Leavitt,	74	" "	Suicide.
"	21	Mary L. Winslow,	25	" "	
Feb.	19	Sophia A. Cazneau,	13	" "	Consumption.
April	7	Lizzie Winslow,	7m	" "	Infl. of Brain.
"	9	James Farall,	43	Ireland,	Consumption.
May	3	Rachel Clapp,	87	So. Scituate,	Old age.
"	8	Eunice B. Damon,	44	" "	Consumption.
"	12	Persie French,	2	" "	Cong. of Lungs.
"	14	John Burton Corthell,	10m	" "	Pneumonia.
"	14	Ira Barker,	79	Hanson,	Cong. of Lungs.
"	31	F. Eldred Ford,	9	Marshfield,	Scarlet Fever.
June	4	Levi T. Lincoln,	10	So. Scituate,	" "
"	4	Seth Vinal,	78	Marshfield,	Old age.
"	17	Deborah Stockbridge,	62	Hanover,	Dropsy.
"	19	Elijah Litchfield,	44	Scituate.	Thistota.
July	8	Rachel Briggs,	63	So. Scituate,	Cancer.
Aug.	9	John Spencer,	68	Wales, England,	Heart Disease.
"	10	Charles Foster,	89	So. Scituate,	Old age.
"	20	Lucinda Copeland,	80	" "	Apoplexy.
"	18	Mary Stetson,	77	Marblehead,	Consumption.
"	25	John Haley,	32	Ireland,	Stoppage.
Sept.	5	Lucy A. Gardner,	29	Marshfield,	Typhoid Fever.
"	7	Mary L. Peirce,	79	Boston,	Cong. of Liver.
"	21	Allen Clapp,	58	So. Scituate,	Consumption.
"	28	Amasa Palmer,	77	Hanover,	Dropsy.
		——— Tree,	3m	So. Scituate,	Consumption.
Oct.	19	Esther C. Gardner,	10	" "	Diptheria.
"	29	Ella C. Gardner,	14	" "	"
Dec.	22	Deborah R. Farrar,	74	Hingham,	Accident.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE Selectmen, in submitting their annual report for the year ending February 1st, 1872, offer the following suggestions and explanations for the consideration of the town.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The Road and Bridge Committee have expended the past year the sum of $1,865.87. To complete the repairs on Mount, Blue and Cedar Streets, will require an appropriation the present year of $500.

TOWN HALL.

The Town Hall has been removed the past year at an expense of $425.69, one-half of which is refunded by Mr. Nash. There has also been expended for Town-House lot, $75; for lumber and labor for fence, $24.40; making a total cost to the town of $326.95.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

The House in District Five has been furnished with new furniture, at an expense of $208.71; with this exception the expenses of the several houses have not been large, yet we believe that the expenses would be less if the houses and outbuildings were better cared for.

In the suit which has been pending between this town and Hanson for support of Wm. O. Thomas and family, a hearing was had at the last term of the Superior Court, and a verdict rendered for the plaintiff town. The subject will be laid before you at the Annual Meeting.

EXPENSE OF BUILDING THE MOUNTAIN ROAD.

Piam Jacobs, 21½ days, at $2.00,	$43.00
" " 57½ " oxen and cart, at 2.75,	158.12
Walter Simmons, 12½ days, at 1.75,	21.87
" " 13½ " oxen and cart, 2.75,	36.12
B. Jacobs, 4 days, with team, 4.50,	18.00
L. Litchfield, ½ day, with team, 4.50,	2.25
D. Damon, 4 days, at 2.00,	8.00
G. W. Babb, 21 days, at 1.75,	36.75
E. B. Damon, 17½ days, at 1.75,	30.62
Eben Brown, 14½ " " "	25.37
D. D. Sprague, 13½ days at 1.75,	23.62
B. Barrell, 7 days, at 1.75,	12.25
N. P. Powell, 22½ days, at 1.75,	39.37
C. Smith, 11½ days, at 1.75,	22.12
J. S. Clapp, 18½ days, at 1.75,	32.37
D. W. Studley, 7 " " "	12.25
G. Totman, 17 " " "	27.75
G. Ford, 26½ days, at 1.75,	46.27
J. Ford, 22 " " "	38.50
H. Stoddard, 13½ days, at 1.75,	23.62
E. Brown, 19½ days, at 1.25,	24.37
H. Sprague, 17½ days, at 1.00,	17.50
Cash paid for sharpening drills,	2.52
Day & Collins, for drain-pipe,	13.50
M. Gardiner, for freight,	2.25
14¾ lbs. powder, at 20 cts. per lb.,	2.95
	$719.41
Credit by cash from William Collier,	$10.00
	$709.41
Whole amount expended on Mountain road for the past three years,	$3,729.06

REPAIRS ON CIRCUIT, FOREST, AND DOVER STREETS.

Piam Jacobs, 16 days, at $2.00,	$32.00
" " 42 " oxen and cart, 2.75,	115.50
G. W. Babb, 13 " at 1.75,	22.75
E. B. Brown, 12 " " "	21.00
E. Brown, 7 days, at 1.75,	12.25
G. Ford, 25 " " "	43.75
J. Ford, 12½ " " "	21.87
N. P. Powell, 12½ days, at 1.75,	21.87
C. Smith, 14 days, at 1.75,	24.50
A. Stoddard, 18 days, at 1.75,	31.50
B. Barrell, 29½ days, at 1.75,	51.62
J. S. Clapp, 13 days, at 1.75,	22.75
G. Totman, 10 " " "	17.50
H. Stoddard, 11 " " "	19.25
S. Clapp, 9 days, at 1.75,	15.75
" " 13 " oxen and cart, 2.75,	34.75
B. Jacobs, 4 days, oxen and cart, 4.50,	18.00
H. Brown, 5 " at 1.00,	5.00
H. Sprague, 8 days, at 1.00,	8.00
Eben Brown, 13 " " 1.25,	16.25
E. B. Damon, 2 days, at 1.75,	3.50
E. Brown, 2 days, at 1.25,	2.50
J. Turner, 2 " " 2.00,	4.00
	$565.86
Credit by cash, received of B. Barrell for wood,	$6.00
	$559.86

At the last term of Court, the indictment on the above streets was removed.

REPAIRS ON CROSS STREET BY ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

R. V. C. Turner, 24 days, at $1.75,	$42.00
Antoine Joseph, 14½ " with team, 4.50,	65.25
" " 8½ " at 1.75,	14.44
Chas. M. Litchfield, 17¼ days, at 1.75,	30.22
John Freeman, 11 days, oxen and cart, 4.50,	49.50
H. Stoddard, 12 days, at 1.75,	21.00
Piam Jacobs, 5 " " 2.00,	10.00
" " 16 " oxen and cart, 2.75,	44.00
G. W. Babb, 4 " at 1.75,	7.00
E. B. Damon, 3 " " "	5.25
E. Brown, 4 days, at 1.25,	5.00
Eben Brown, 4 days, at 1.75,	7.00
C. Smith, 5 days, at 1.75,	8.75
G. Totman, 5 days, at 1.75,	8.75
N. B. Powell, 5 days, at 1.75,	8.75
H. Sprague, 7 days, at 1.00,	7.00
G. Ford, 4 days, at 1.75,	7.00
J. Ford, 5 " " "	8.75
B. Barrell, 5 days, at 1.75,	8.75
D. D. Sprague, 3 days, at 1.75,	5.25
J. S. Clapp, 5 days, at 1.75,	8.75
William Hatch, 319 loads gravel,	19.14
	$391.55
The above road is now completed at a cost to the town of	$749.73

REPAIRS ON WINTER STREET.

R. V. C. Turner, 11½ days, at $1.75,	$20.12
B. W. Jacobs, 7¼ days, at 1.75,	12.69
" " 1 day, horse and cart,	1.75
J. W. Jacobs, 2¾ days, at 1.25,	3.34
Gideon Ford, 1 day, blasting rocks,	2.00
" " 2¼ days, with team,	4.34
Antoine Joseph, 1 day, with team,	4.25
A. Nichols, 2 days, with team, 4.00,	8.00
C. H. Litchfield, 12 days, at 1.75,	21.00
Mrs. Turner, 76 loads gravel,	4.56
	$82.05

REPAIRS ON CEDAR STREET.

R. V. C. Turner, 4 days, at $1.75,	7.00
C. H. Litchfield, 4 " " "	7.00
	$14.00

REPAIRS ON GROVE STREET.

Amount expended for repairs on road and bridge near the house of Eben Brown,	$109.00

Total amount expended for repairs of roads the past year, by Road and Bridge Committee,	$1,865.87

REPORT ON GUIDE-BOARDS.

We would recommend that there be a Guide-Board erected near the house of Mrs. Sally Farrar, and also one near the house of Wm. Hatch.

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Dist. No.	*Removing Snow.*	*Highway Arrears.*	*Gravel.*	*Extra Labor.*	*Removing Obstructions.*
1	$22.25	$2.59	.....	$10.00	.....
2	10.40	24.83	$9.72	10.00	7.21
3 & 23	32.57	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	3.60	33.41	3.60	15.50	.....
5	13.75	31.44	.....	.....	.....
6	30.70	25.51	.92	3.50	.....
7	18.75	21.40	.92	10.00	4.28
8	.....	17.60	.....	.....	.....
9	1.80	27.57	9.15	.50	.....
10	6.15	19.25	3.00	.....	.....
11	3.75	6.19	1.68	.....	.....
12	17.10	12.67	.....	.....	.....
13	11.85	10.70	7.20	.....	3.75
14	3.90	47.72	6.00	.....	.....
15	.....	26.42	.....	30.00	10.00
16	3.00	23.38	3.75	10.00	.....
17	3.60	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	12.60	.....	4.85	.....	.....
19	.....	17.24	.....	.....	.....
20	.....	25.65	.....	.....	2.85
21	11.10	24.21	.....	5.00	2.56
22	10.05	38.23	.....	.....	7.58
23	2.25	34.10	.....	.....	.....
24	.....	6.73	1.00	.....	.....
	$219.27	$476.84	$51.79	$94.50	$38.23

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Maria J. Metcalf, for teaching,	$208.00
Mary E. Randall, " "	96.00
D. M. Willcutt, for wood, 1870,	20.87
" " " 1871,	26.75
A. T. Thomas, making fires,	3.00
	$354.62

District No. 2.

James B. Tabor, for teaching,	$331.50
Edwin Jacobs, wood and fitting,	21.20
" " making fires,	3.00
	$355.70

District No. 3.

Sophronia L. Curtis, for teaching,	$305.00
A. A. Vinal, wood and fitting,	24.50
J. H. Farrar, making fires,	3.00
	$332.50

District No. 4.

Martha R. Peirce, for teaching,	$104.00
Frank H. Reed, " "	96.00
Sarah B. Jacobs, " "	96.00
A. J. Litchfield, wood and fitting,	17.00
W. H. Hayden, making fires,	3.00
	$316.00

District No. 5.

Emma A. Randall, for teaching,	$32.00
C. A. Robbins, " "	32.00
Emma H. Torrey, assistant,	30.50
Deborah N. Hatch, for teaching,	200.00
F. M. Sylvester, making fires,	3.50
John Corthell, wood and fitting,	16.00
	$314.00

District No. 6.

Mary P. Howland, for teaching,	$112.00
Mary L. Ells, " "	200.00
Herbert Turner, making fires,	3.50
Turner Hatch, wood and fitting,	30.00
	$345.50

District No. 7.

Rebecca C. Brooks, for teaching,	$368.25
S. D. Stetson, wood and fitting,	25.10
E. M. Stetson, assistant teacher,	6.50
	$399.85

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL-HOUSES.

District No. 1.

D. M. Wilcutt, cleaning house, 1870,	$6.00
Masoning, painting and carpenter's bill, 1870,	7.00
Numeral frame, 1870,	1.50
Brooms, pails, chairs, etc., 1870,	11.93
D. M. Wilcutt, repairs on melodeon, 1871,	7.00
" " cleaning house, 1871,	6.00
" " brooms, furniture and repairs, 1871,	5.65
	$45.08

District No. 2.

W. G. Shattuck, for furniture,	$14.80
Curtis & Co., supplies,	1.42
Edwin Jacobs, cleaning house and repairs,	12.52
Cube Blocks,	3.75
	$42.49

District No. 3.

A. A. Vinal, cleaning house and repairs,	$8.68
T. R. Lawrence, setting glass,	2.15
S. Otis Jacobs, masoning and repairs on blackboard,	17.25
	$28.08

District No. 4.

A. J. Litchfield, cleaning house,	$3.00
" " brooms, buckets and repairs,	3.40
	$6.40

District No. 5.

C. W. Sparrell, for repairs, 1870,	$5.60
W. G. Shattuck, for school furniture, and freight on same,	174.61
S. & D. W. Turner, carpenter's work,	18.38
F. A. Davis, new stove, pipe, etc., less cash for old stove,	15.72
John Corthell, cleaning house,	3.00
	$217.31

District No. 6.

Turner Hatch, for cleaning house and repairs,	$8.00
" repairs on fence,	2.50
B. W. Jacobs, carpenter's work,	6.00
C. H. Litchfield, repairs, 1870,	2.05
	$18.55

District No. 7.

John Gardner, Jr., for furniture,	$3.45
S. D. Stetson, chain pump and labor,	13.64
" " furniture for school-room,	2.00
" " repairs on house,	3.65
	$22.74

EXPENSE OF THE HINGHAM AND QUINCY TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE CASE.

Cash paid 4-40ths expense of Commissioners,	$257.20
" " for witness fees,	21.00
" " James Humphrey, 4-40ths expense of views of Commissioners, Selectmen, etc.,	16.34
	$294.54

LIST OF JURORS FOR ACCEPTANCE, OR REVISION BY THE TOWN.

Thomas H. Gardner,
George O. Torrey,
Henry F. Ford,
Joseph H. Curtis,
William Hatch,
Samuel Turner,
James House,
Cummings Litchfield,
George H. Torrey,
Richard P. Briggs,
W. B. Barker,
A. J. Litchfield,
Charles C. Young,
Thomas B. Greene,
Peleg Curtis,
George K. Cushing,
Harrison Wilder,
George H. Briggs,
Walter Simmons,
Israel Nash,
William B. Pratt,
H. N. Gardner,
Joseph T. Hartt,
Mathew Stetson,
William W. Collamore,
E. T. Vinal,
Martin S. Curtis,
Samuel Waters.

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

For Twelve Months, ending February 1, 1872.

Matilda B. Stoddard,	$48.00
Hannah Dover,	48.00
Ruth B. Foster,	48.00
John Lewis,	54.00
Betsey B. Sylvester,	48.00
Charles H. Totman, Guardian to Simmons children,	96.00
Mary Spencer,	48.00
Lydia J. Wilder, for three months,	24.00
George B. Hayden,	54.00
E. T. Fogg, Guardian to Gardner children,	96.00
James Thompson,	162.00
Charles D. Barnard,	72.00
Catherine G. Mee,	93.00
Benjamin Jacobs, for ten months,	80.00
Sarah L. Prouty, Guardian for eleven months,	44.00
David Stoddard, " four "	12.00
	$1,027.00

EXPENSE OF STREET SIGNS.

Tolman & Merritt, for sign boards,	$33.00
T. R. Lawrence, painting the same,	33.60
Willard Torrey, posts,	25.00
Charles A. Litchfield, putting up same, East Ward,	5.24
T. B. Waterman, " " " South do.	8.00
Isaac Burrell, " " " West do.	19.69
	$125.53
Cr. By posts and boards on hand,	10.00
	$115.53

EXPENSE OF REMOVING TOWN HALL.

Paid H. D. Blanchard, for moving,	$150.00
" for labor,	156.69
" board of Blanchard men and horses,	25.00
" Israel Nash, bill for labor,	82.00
" Piam Jacobs, grading Common,	12.00
	$425.69
Paid by Mr. Nash,	212.84
	$212.85
Paid for Town Hall lot,	75.00
" lumber and labor on fence,	39.10
Total cost to the Town,	$326.95

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Dr.

Stephen O. Jacobs, mason's bill,	$24.26
William H. Davis, stove pipe and labor,	38.70
Seth Foster, soap stones for chimney,	4.25
B. P. Bowman, copper lantern, frame, etc.,	17.75
Seth Foster, wax for Town Hall,	6.15
Oil, chimneys, brooms, wood, etc.,	52.75
	$143.86

Cr.

By cash received, for use of Town Hall,	$141.77
" wood on hand,	9.00
Due for use of Hall from G. A. R.,	4.00
" " " for Courts,	2.00
	$156.77

Balance in favor of Town Hall, $12.91.

COMPENSATION TO TOWN OFFICERS.

Constables.

Charles W. Sparrell, warning Town Meetings,	$16.00
Melvin Little, " " Officers,	5.00
	$21.00

Town Clerk.

E. T. Fogg, registering marriages, births and deaths,	$18.25

School Committee.

William H. Fish, for service to March 6th,	$22.00
James Southworth, " postage, stationery and horse hire,	43.25
Lucy Turner, services,	30.00
Herbert Shurtleff, services,	12.00
	$107.25

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

Edward Stowell, services from February 1, 1871, to March 6th,	$26.00
Charles A. Litchfield, services from February 1, 1871, to March 6th,	24.00
Thomas B. Waterman, services from February 1, 1871, to March 6th,	16.00
Edward Stowell, services from March 6, 1871, to February 1, 1872, 62 days,	124.00
Edward Stowell, services 3 days, copying Valuation Books,	6.00
Edward Stowell, expenses to Plymouth, Boston and Taunton,	32.40
Charles A. Litchfield, services, 7 days, copying Valuation Books of 1870, per order of Tax Commissioner,	14.00
Amount carried forward, . . .	$242.40

Amount brought forward, . . .	$242.40
Charles A. Litchfield, expenses to Boston on Corporation Taxes and State Aid,	7.05
Charles A. Litchfield, expenses to Plymouth, 3 times,	8.40
Charles A. Litchfield, services 49½ days,	99.00
Thomas B. Waterman, services, 32 days, from March 6th, 1871, to February 1st, 1872,	64.00
	$420.85

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Rand, Avery & Frye, for printing,	$12.00
Andrews Brothers, printing annual report,	67.50
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, school books,	77.61
F. Damon, lumber for pound,	8.30
William H. Fish, school books,	61.50
T. A. Lawrence, painting and repairs on hearse,	14.00
Post 112 G. A. R., by vote of Town,	30.00
Perez Simmons, council fees (part pay),	16.12
Andrews Brothers, printing school report,	33.00
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, school books,	21.98
Willard Torrey, summoning witnesses and witness fees in Thomas' case,	116.68
William H. Whitman, costs of Court in Road case,	20.27
Town of Scituate, schooling children of N. Ellms, Jr.,	12.25
Town of Mansfield, repairs on Union bridge,	22.88
Seth Foster, expressage, printing, etc.,	20.00
E. T. Fogg, postage and stationery,	8.81
E. T. Fogg, supplies to school-house,	9.81
Isaac Burrill, lumber and labor on Ridge Hill,	13.74
Amount carried forward, . . .	$566.45

Amount brought forward, ...	$566.45
James Southworth, school books,	7.50
Seth Foster, valuation books,	4.25
" " hearse handles and carpet,	3.55
" Boston Herald," advertising for keeper,	7.80
	$589.55

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE.

R. V. C. Turner, for repairs on cistern, etc.,	$13.00
S. & D. W. Turner, " as per contract,	290.00
Seth Foster, lead; and E. T. Fogg, oil,	11.00
T. R. Lawrence, painting of Almshouse,	19.76
Joseph Merritt, 2d, blacksmith bill,	22.13
	$355.89

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

The number who have been fully or partially supported by the town the past year has been large; but we fail to see where much could have been saved without suffering on the part of those dependent for charity. The family of Richard Freeman have ceased to be an expense. The support of Lucretia Damon and Marcia Witherell has also ceased, and we trust that for the present year the expense, out of the Almshouse, will be less.

SUPPORT OF POOR AT ALMSHOUSE.

The expense for the support of the poor at the Almshouse has been $1,098.61, and we believe that the inmates, under the care of the faithful Superintendent and wife, can have no cause for complaint. The expense for the support of Lydia Gunderway, the past year, has been large, the bill for medical attendance at the Almshouse being mostly on her account. About two months since she was removed to the Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

HIGHWAYS.

By a law of the last Legislature, towns are now obliged to raise a money tax for repairs of Highways. The number of Surveyors, amount of money to be raised, and the manner in which you will have it expended, are subjects for your consideration.

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

Corn and meal, 157 bushels,	$150.45
Flour, 10 bbls., $92.62; plaster, $2.00,	94.62
Molasses, 65 gallons, $41.38; spices, $6.28,	47.66
Sugar, 454 lbs., $56.64; butter, 173 lbs., $63.71,	120.35
Cotton cloth, clothing and other dry goods,	41.21
Matches, $2.10; raisins, $7.20; soap, $1.00,	10.30
Salt, $5.03; fish, $10.50; tobacco, 36 lbs., $32.17,	47.72
Rice, tapioca and extracts, $5.69; oil, $16.94,	22.63
Coffee and shells, $13.34; medicine, $7.96,	21.30
Stoneware and crockery, $8.06; vegetables, $12.30,	20.36
Crackers and vinegar, $1.00; meat, tripe and sausages, $19.62,	20.62
Cheese, lantern, lard and brooms,	22.00
Tea, 49 lbs., $40.82; garden seeds, $3.62,	44.44
Snuff, $8.00; soda, starch, and bread raiser, $4.12,	12.12
Lamps and chimneys, $1.47; hay cutter, $7.00,	8.47
Boots and shoes, $9.00; dried apples, $7.68,	16.68
Pails, beans, nails, mustard and house paper,	17.80
Torrey & Co., soap, $6.15; washing machine, $5.00,	11.15
A. S. Howe, bread, $9.78; Louis Peck, clothing, $12.00,	21.78
Merritt & Thomas, wood, $12.00; A. G. Grose, cow, $17.00,	29.00
Amount carried forward, . . .	$780.66

Amount brought forward, . . .	$780.66
S. Clapp, labor on farm, $13.07; cash, grass, $8.00,	21.07
W. B. Cushing, cow, $49.36; cash paid for manure, $19.37,	68.73
Seth Foster, carbolic acid,	7.95
C. W. Prouty, standing wood,	21.75
Cash paid for clothing,	3.15
" " garden seeds,	1.75
" " pasturing cow,	8.00
" " wagon hire,	2.00
" " barber's bill for two years,	10.00
" " labor inside of house,	4.50
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance,	40.75
Cash paid for nails,	1.35
Dr. Shurtleff, for medical attendance,	5.00
Oscar F. Healey, for services 12 months,	300.00
John E. Corthell, for meat,	187.43
Supplies furnished by keeper: —	
Coal, $4.97; filing saws, $1.95; shoes, $2.50,	9.42
Repairs on shoes and harnesses, 55c.; paint, $2.00,	2.55
Butchering, $2.50; fish, tripe, and clams, $26.52,	29.02
Tin ware, $3.57; cow, $1.00; lime, 4.50,	9.07
Milk, $1.28; medicine, $2.00; soap, $4.00; onions, $1.00,	8.28
Clothing, $5.50; cranberries, $1.00; chimneys, 88c.,	7.28
Oxen to plough, 3.00; wheelbarrow, 5.50,	8.50
Expense to Taunton with Lydia Gunderway,	3.70
Bread, $21.40; sawing boards, $10.55; pigs, $14.00,	46.05
	$1,588.06

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received of John E. Corthell, for beef,	$56.80
" " " " " " hide,	4.34
" " " " " " hay,	37.20
" for meals and lodgings,	110.68
" " horse hire, $9.25; lime, potatoes, and sand, $2.73,	11.98
Received for 73½ lbs. pork,	7.35
Articles on hand more than last year: —	
Wood, 25 cords,	100.00
Lumber, 2,500 feet,	37,50
Hay cutter, $7.00; washing machine, $5.00,	12.00
Crockery, glass, and tin ware,	25.00
Hay, $35.00; wheelbarrow, $5.00,	40.00
Tea, 12 lbs., $9.50; tobacco, 20 lbs., $12.00,	21.60
Two tons beets and carrots,	25.00
Board of 9$\frac{11}{13}$ paupers, at $2.14 per week,	1,098.61
	$1,588.06

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to Marcia Witherell,	$45.68
" " Mary Palmer,	44.96
" " Richard Freeman and wife,	82.35
City of Boston, supplies to family of Thomas Mee,	33.00
John McCurdy " " State paupers,	2.00
Curtis & Co. for supplies to Anson Prince,	62.00
Gideon Ford, for digging grave for George Lee and Marcia Witherell,	4.00
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for Mrs. Winslow,	12.00
Amount carried forward, . . .	$285 99

Amount brought forward, . . .	$285.99
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for Sophia A. Cazneau,	12.00
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for child of Rufus Winslow,	6.00
H. H. Jenkins, for supplies and board to Lucretia Damon,	36.00
Dr. Downs, medical attendance on George Lee,	14.00
Dr. Thomas, " " " Lucretia Damon,	5.00
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for Marcia Witherell,	12.00
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for Lucretia Damon,	12.00
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for George Lee,	12.00
Chas. W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for Mrs. Curthers,	12.00
Supplies to Alice Brooker,	52.00
" " Mary A. Henderson and family,	29.50
" " David H. Stoddard " "	43.52
" " Hewett Baker and family,	58.66
Dr. Shurtleff, medical attendance on family of John Stoddard,	7.00
State Lunatic Hospital, for board of Lydia Gunderway,	30.90
Town of Hanover, supplies to Henry T. Winslow,	29.00
Supplies to James Thompson,	13.62
	$671.19

Received from town of Pembroke, for support of Hewitt Baker and family,	$28.63
Received from State, for burial of State pauper,	10.00
Received from town of Marshfield, for supplies to Anson Prince,	62.00
Received from town of Hanover, for supplies to David H. Stoddard and family,	43.52
	$144.17

Due from town of Hanover, for supplies to Mary A. Henderson and family,	29.50
Due from State for burial of Mrs. Curthers,	12.00
" " " " " " George Lee,	12.00
" " " " medical attendance on George Lee,	14.00
Due from State, for supplies to Alice Brooker,	52.00
" " town of Pembroke, for supplies to Hewitt Baker,	30.00
Due from State, for burial of Mrs. Winslow,	12.00
	$161.50

TAXES ABATED AND GIVEN UP.

Warren Newcomb, tax of 1869,	2.78
Nathaniel Cushing, " " "	2.78
Sylvanus Clapp, abatement, 1870,	3.42
Israel Gardner's estate, abatement 1868–69–70,	2.39
Eleanor Wright's estate, abatement 1869–70,	2.60
Elisha Briggs' estate, abatement 1869–70,	5.00
	$18.97

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1872.

Roads and bridges,	$1,856.87
Repairs on school-houses,	380.65
Removing snow,	219.27
Highway arrears,	476.84
Gravel,	51.79
Extra labor,	94.50
Removing obstructions,	38.23
Street signs,	115.53
State aid,	1,027.00
Schools,	2,000.00
Hingham and Quincy bridges,	294.54
Town officers,	567.35
Taxes abated and given up,	18.97
Expense of poor at almshouse,	1,098.61
Expense of poor out of almshouse,	671.19
Repairs of almshouse,	355.89
Expense of removing town hall,	326.95
Miscellaneous expenses,	589.55
County tax,	1,143.20
State tax,	2,275.00
	$13,610.93

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings Bank,	$7,532.00
" " " Daniel Otis,	1,000.00
" " " Joseph T. Litchfield,	725.00
" " " M. E. Church,	200.00
" " " Sally Wise,	625.00
" " " Charles W. Sylvester,	470.00
Amount carried forward, . . .	$10,552.00

Amount brought forward,	$10,552.00
Note in favor of Harvey T. Sylvester,	200.00
" " " Michael Ford,	1,025.00
" " " Ebenezer Stetson,	200.00
" " " R. V. C. Turner,	575.00
" " " George Beasley,	200.00
" " " J. C. Tolman,	300.00
Interest due on the above,	213.54
Estimated amount due the several schools,	700.00
Amount due treasurer and collector,	100.00
Bills outstanding, estimated at,	500.00
Estimated amount of orders drawn, but not paid,	800.00
	$15,365.54

Cr.

By cash and outstanding taxes, in hands of treasurer,	$4,795.24
Due from Commonwealth for State Aid,	1,227.00
" " " aid to State Paupers,	292.24
Due from E. T. Fogg, trustee estate of Eunice Damon,	148.64
Balance against the Town,	8,902.42
	$15,365.54

Reducing the town debt, $3,996.41.

Assessors' Report.

Total value of real estate,	$593,710
" " " personal estate,	258,922
Total valuation, May 1, 1871,	$852,632

Rate of taxation, $1.47 on $100.		
Tax on real estate,	$8,727.53	
" personal estate,	3,806.15	
" 458 polls,	916.00	
		$13,449.68
State tax,	$2,275.00	
County tax,	1,143.20	
Town for support of schools,	2,000.00	
Support of poor and incidentals,	8,000.00	
Overlayings,	31.48	
		$13,449.68
School books,		15.98
Highway arrears,		392.88
Amount of taxes placed in hands of collector,		$13,858.54

HIGHWAY TAX.

Amount voted to be raised by the town,		$2,000.00
Overlayings,		44.18
		$2,044.18
Rate of taxation $2.00 on $1,000.		
Tax on real and personal,	$1,705.26	
" 458 polls at 74,	338.92	
		$2,044.18

Total number of horses, 241; cows, 286; sheep, 46.

It will be seen that the total value of Real and Personal Estate, May 1, 1871, was $852,632, an increase of $15,483 from last year. If the law had not been changed in regard to Bank Stocks, our valuation would have been over $100,000 more than last year.

It will be seen by the Treasurer's Report that the amount refunded by the State for Corporation tax is large, and we would recommend to all parties owning Corporation Stocks

to see that their place of residence is right on the books of the different Corporations, as it has been quite an expense to the town to obtain its just credits. The large increase from the previous year was caused by the removal to this town of Nathan Cushing and Israel Nash, and should the Plymouth County Railroad be built, others, no doubt, will make this town their place of residence. The rate of taxation the past year was $1.47 on $100. The town has expended for repairs on roads a large sum; has paid all ordinary expenses, and reduced the debt $3,996.41. Should there be no extra expenses, the present rate of taxation would cancel the present debt in about three years.

By the report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, there seems to have been a uniform decrease in valuation in many towns in Plymouth county, only five towns showing an increase. South Scituate, it is very gratifying to know, has made a small increase. The average rate of taxation in the county was $1,55¼ on $100.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS B. WATERMAN,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, in account with the Town of South Scituate.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Assessment of 1871	$13,858 54	By Cash paid on order and allowances	$9,650 00
Taxes Outstanding	1,156 26	Notes and Interest	5,458 01
Cash	857 61	State Tax	2,275 00
Sale of Fish Rights	10 50	County Tax	1,143 20
Town of Abington for Schooling	10 00	Scituate Tax	16 29
Cash on Notes	2,100 00	Taxes Outstanding	3,498 50
Dog Tax Refunded	116 79		$22,041 00
Town of Pembroke, support of Hewitt Baker	28 65	Cash to Balance	1,296 74
Sale of Town Flats	108 75		
Town of Marshfield, support of Anson Prince	62 00		
Pedler's Licenses	12 00		
State Aid Refunded	808 00		
Corporation Tax Refunded	1,935 34		
National Bank Tax Refunded	1,648 25		
State Paupers	10 00		
Town of Hanover, support of Stoddard family	42 52		
State School Fund	158 22		
Israel Nash, ½ expense for removal of Town Hall	212 84		
Sale of School Books	111 45		
Use of Town Hall	90 02		
	$23,337 74		$23,337 74

Marriages Registered in the Town of South Scituate, 1871.

Date.	*Name.*	*Residence.*	*Occupation.*	*Birthplace.*
Jan. 22.	Albert Osborne	So. Scituate	Shoemaker	E. Bri'gewa'r
	Hannah C. Hatch	"		So. Scituate
Mar. 28.	Edward P. Curtis	Abington	Cutter	N. Scituate
	Susan E. Studley	"		Abington
April 9.	Joseph Merritt 2d	So. Scituate	Blacksmith	So. Scituate
	Helen M. Foster	"		"
April 29.	Henry F. Vining	Abington	Boot finish-[er	Abington
	Eliza A. Randall	So. Scituate		So. Scituate
May 6.	Alfred H. Shaw	So. Scituate	Shoemaker	Abington
	Alice Chamberlain	"		So. Scituate
June 10.	Daniel J. Sampson	Weymouth	Blacksmith	Marshfield
	Mary A. Clapp	So. Scituate		So. Scituate
July 20.	Allen U. Randall	So. Scituate	Shoe finish-[er	So. Scituate
	Angelia S. Williamson	Marshfield		Marshfield
Aug. 27.	Charles H. Keen	Pembroke	Fireman	Pembroke
	Sarah J. Woodard	So. Scituate		So. Scituate
Sept. 7.	George S. Horton	So. Scituate	Mason	So. Scituate
	Julia F. Simmons	Pembroke		Pembroke
Oct. 8.	Charles C. Henderson	Marshfield	Carpenter	Hanover
	Abby T. Bailey	Scituate		Scituate
Oct. 17.	Alfred L. Farrar	Boston	Clerk	So. Scituate
	Eveline W. Jacobs	So. Scituate		Brookline
Nov. 14.	Daniel R. Ewell	So. Scituate	Shoemaker	Pembroke
	Frances F. Holmes	Marshfield		Marshfield
Nov. 28.	Charles W. Grose	So. Scituate	Shoe Man'r	Hingham
	Elsie F. Twombly	Somerville		Somerville
Nov. 30.	Hiram C. Litchfield	So. Scituate	Shoemaker	So. Scituate
	Ella Hardwick	Cohasset		Cohasset
Dec. 6.	Frank Dyer	So. Scituate	Expressm'n	Weymouth
	Laura A. Newcomb	"		Cohasset

Births Registered in the Town of So. Scituate, 1871.

Date.	*Name of Child.*	*Names of Parents.*
Jan. 26.	Alfred C. Litchfield	Alfred B. and Emily.
April 8.	Dora A. Raymond	Thomas A. and Hattie M.
April 8.	Elwood B. Litchfield	John R. and Lucy.
April 9.	Frank S. Leavitt.....	Susan Leavitt.
April 28.	Lizzie C. Briggs	John G. and Ella G.
May 28.	Annie R. Osborne.....	Albert and Hannah C.
July 8.	Martha W. Torrey.....	Willard and Martha R.
July 14.	Sarah D. Knapp	Robert C. and Miranda.
July 24.	Lillian F. Gardner	Wilber and Susan E.
July 26.	Herbert E. Robbins	George W. and Cynthia A.
July 28.	Arthur J. Turner	Samuel and Salome.
July 29.	Sarah F. Brown	John W. and Lucinda.
Aug. 14.	Deborah F. Litchfield	Henry D. and Julia M.
Aug. 19.	Howard I. Ford	David B. and Lavina S.
Aug. 26.	Herbert F. Gunderway	Ezekiel E. and Lucy.
Aug. 29.	Frederic F. Brown.....	Ebenezer L. and Caroline.
Aug. 30.	Edward B. Jones	Waldo and Charlotte.
Sept. 24.	Marion G. Merritt	William O. and Alice B.
Oct. 5.	Frederic W. Otis.....	John F. and Ellen M.
Oct. 8.	——— Briggs	Richard and Catherine.
Oct. 8.	Maud L. Tabor	James and Augusta.
Oct. 16.	Alpheus T. Sylvester.....	Charles T. and Rhoda.
Oct. 22.	Elmer F. Nash	Thomas M. and Charlotte.
Oct. 31.	Albert E. Sanborn	Ira B. and Lydia O.
Nov. 13.	Sydney C. Ford	Laban W. and Lydia E.
Dec. 16.	William A. Spaulding	Alfred S. and Betsey E.
Dec. 29.	——— Briggs	William and Charlotte S.

Deaths Registered in the Town of So. Scituate, 1871.

Date.	*Name.*	*Age.*	*Birthplace.*	*Disease.*
Jan. 29.	Rhoda Hayden.....	81	Scituate	Old Age.
Feb. 5.	Sarah Ford.....	93	So. Scituate	"
Feb. 26.	Lincoln Prouty	56	"	Consumption.
March 5.	John Jones	87	Hingham	Old Age.
April 29.	Mary L. Winslow	1	Abington	Influenza.
May 7.	Charles W. Simmons ...	75	So. Scituate	Erysipelas.
May 8.	Emma Hayes	55	England	Heart disease.
June 9.	George Lee.....	55	So. Scituate	" "
June 26.	Elizabeth Randall	82	Hingham	Old Age.
July 2.	Mary B. Clapp	54	So. Scituate	Paralysis.
July 9.	Abigail Sylvester	49	Scituate	Consumption.
July 23.	Thomas A. Raymond ...	29	So. Scituate	"
Aug. 28.	John H. Turner.....	1	"	Dysentery.
Sept. 16.	Marcia Witherell.....	86	"	Old Age.
Sept. 29.	Emma D. Fogg	16	Hoboken, N. J.	Congestion.
Nov. 5.	George Torrey.....	86	So. Scituate	Old Age.
Nov. 26.	Thankful Stodder	86	Scituate	Accidental.
Dec. 6.	Albert E. Sanborn	1 m.	So. Scituate	Consumption.
Dec. 6.	Lucy J. Elms.....	12	"	Congestion of Brain.
Dec. 9.	Alpheus T. Sylvester ...	1 m.	"	Consumption.
Dec. 14.	Richard Freeman	58	"	"

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of South Scituate,

For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1873,

INCLUDING

REPORTS OF THE ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TOWN TREASURER, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

With a List of Marriages, Births, and Deaths

FROM STATISTICS FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
CORNER OF COURT AND NORTH STREETS.
1873.

At a legal meeting of the voters of the Town, held March 4th, 1872:

Voted, That a Financial Statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ensuing, be published in the month of Febuary next.

Attest: E. T. FOGG, *Town Clerk.*

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor of the Town of South Scituate respectfully submit the following Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town, for the year ending February 1st, 1873.

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Cedar Street.

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor and material:

Abner Stetson, for labor,	$164 50	Jack Enolds, for labor,	$39 37
David Stoddard, "	40 00	David Studley, "	12 25
William Sylvester, "	32 00	Alfred B. Briggs, "	21 00
Henry Stoddard, "	10 50	Rogers Stetson, "	3 50
John McCarty, "	5 25	James P. Briggs, "	6 00
John Keheo, "	12 25	Briggs & Studley, for gravel,	8 40
Damon & Co., for building wall,	115 50		
Waters B. Barker, for labor,	40 00		$510 52

Cost of Re-building Bridge on Washington Street, near the House of Edward Stowell.

R. P. Briggs, for labor,	$3 00	B. Barrell, for labor,	$1 75
W. S. Briggs, "	5 99	Morris Gammon, "	4 00
Raymond, "	1 75	J. Bowker, "	1 75
Cash Paid for Drain Pipe,	33 60		
			$51 84

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor :

R. P. Briggs.	for labor,	$184 25	John Clapp,	for labor.	$1 12
Piam Jacobs,	"	45 75	N. Brooks,	"	2 25
Luther C. Bailey,	"	15 75	Walter Simmons,	"	4 00
Edwin Jacobs,	"	6 62	Miles S. Turner,	"	6 75
Sylvanus Clapp,	"	7 75	W. S. Briggs,	"	63 75
H. Gardner,	"	4 00	Thomas Jones,	"	23 62
J. S. Clapp,	"	52 06	Loring Jacobs,	"	11 37
Morris Gammon,	"	72 00	Benjamin Barrell,	"	56 75
Joseph B. Bowker,	"	58 60	A. Groce,	"	4 37
James I. Sears,	"	6 75	H. Gardner,	"	1 75
I. Vining,	"	2 18	Isaac Burrell,	"	13 75
Benjamin Jacobs,	"	24 00			
					$669 10

R. P. Briggs, *Surveyor.*

Repairs on Cross Street.

Asa C. Randall, for labor,	$7 00
Horace Griggs, " "	4 37
	$11 37

Repairs on Parker Street.

E. L. Brown, for mowing bushes,	$8 75

We would recommend that there be an appropriation made the present year for repairs on the above named streets.

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor :

Robert V. C. Turner,	for labor,	$127 50	Piam Jacobs,	for labor,	$35 25
Charles Granderson,	"	21 25	B. W. Jacobs,	"	19 25
Liba Litchfield,	"	17 00	Oscar F. Healey,	"	35 75
Martin Cushing,	"	28 00	J. W. Jacobs,	"	7 50
Antoine Joseph,	"	30 00	Asa C. Randall,	"	12 95
W. S. Hatch,	"	8 12	George Turner,	"	5 00
W. H. Merritt,	"	24 37	Benjamin Nichols,	"	7 87
Horace Griggs,	"	18 13	E. L. Brown,	"	57 95
J. W. Sampson,	"	10 49	Seth Fearing,	"	5 25
H. L. Studley,	"	16 62	Louis Ellms,	"	6 56
John Freeman,	"	3 50	John Stockbridge,	"	7 00
David Stockbridge,	"	7 00	Charles Williamson,	"	32 81
Henry Stoddard,	"	19 25			
					$563 98

Robert V. C. Turner, *Surveyor.*

Repairs on Washington Street, as per order of County Commissioners, and the Several Sums paid for Labor, &c.:

R. P. Briggs,	for labor,	$46 75	W. S. Briggs,	for labor,	$19 25
Piam Jacobs,	"	63 50	Benjamin Barrell,	"	19 25
Luther C. Bailey,	"	20 00	Joseph B. Bowker,	"	19 25
Benjamin Jacobs,	"	39 00	J. S. Clapp,	"	14 00
Patrick Cain,	"	7 87	Morris Gammon,	"	22 00
Loring Jacobs,	"	11 37	Isaac Burrell,	"	11 12
Drain pipe,		10 14			
					$303 50

The several sums paid to the following named persons for labor:

Abner Stetson,	for labor,	$315 50	E. Stetson,	for labor,	$2 25
Elijah Barstow,	"	18 00	W. Smith,	"	55 11
Waters B. Barker,	"	136 48	D. McCarty,	"	42 86
Josiah Stoddard,	"	43 93	Isaac Packard,	"	26 25
Seth Thomas,	"	20 00	T. Tolman,	"	31 12
Sylvanus Clapp,	"	11 00	Matthew Stetson,	"	3 50
H. Barstow,	"	18 00	John McCarty,	"	5 25
N. Barstow,	"	1 75	Jack Enolds,	"	41 99
D. Bassford,	"	1 75	L. Fitts,	"	8 75
Joseph Merritt,	"	9 00	David Stoddard,	"	25 37
John Turner,	"	2 00			
William C. Tolman,	"	9 00			
					$828 86

Abner Stetson, *Surveyor.*

Repairs on Mount Blue Street.

Piam Jacobs,	for labor,	$148 02	E. B. Damon,	for labor,	$29 75
E. D. Munroe,	"	31 93	G. W. Babb,	"	4 37
Daniel D. Sprague,	"	31 93	J. Sylvery,	"	26 88
E Brown,	"	19 25	Henry Stoddard,	"	13 12
H. Sprague,	"	1 00	J. S. Clapp,	"	21 87
E. Studley,	"	1 08	D. Damon,	"	2 50
A. Damon,	"	2 50	T. Lane, for stone,		3 00
480 ft. plank for Bridges,		9 60			
					$354 47

The repairs on the above named Street are now completed at an expense to the town of $4,083 53.

Whole amount expended for repairs of Highways from town appropriation for general repairs, $2,061 94.

Highway Expenses of 1871.

Abner Stetson, for labor in District 17	$10 00
Elias W. Pratt, for gravel	30
Philip Foster, for gravel	3 90
Waters B. Barker, for labor in District 18	3 23
E. T. Fogg, for gravel District 8	12 00
David Torrey, Jr., for gravel, District 14	2 16
John Keheo, for gravel, District 14	1 00
David W. Studley, for labor in District 6	3 00
David B. Ford, for labor in District 17	5 50
Henry F. Ford, for labor in District 6	3 00
	$44 09

The following sums have been paid for gravel the past year :

James I. Sears, for lease of gravel hill	$20 00
Sally James, for gravel	12 78
R. V. C. Turner, cash paid for gravel	14 46
N. H. Bowker, for gravel	5 76
Henry Main, for gravel	6 48
R. P. Briggs, cash paid for gravel	2 46
	$61 94

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Mary E. Ramsdell, for teaching, Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$104 00
Rebecca C. Brooks, for teaching Summer and Fall Terms, 1872,	240 00
D. M. Willcutt, for wood, 1871,	7 00
Willie Stoddard, for making fires,	3 00
Luther C. Bailey, for wood, 1872,	5 00
H. N. Gardner, for wood, 1872,	7 50
	$366 50

District No. 2.

James B. Tabor, for teaching Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$102 00
Sophia R. Simmons, for teaching Summer and Fall terms,	230 00
Edwin Jacobs, for wood and fitting,	25 83
	$357 83

District No. 3.

Sophronia L. Curtis, for teaching Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$96 00
E. L. Bickford for teaching Summer and part of Fall term,	198 00
Hattie R. Gardner, for teaching two weeks Fall term,	18 00
H. Farrar, making fires,	3 00
Liba Litchfield, wood and fitting,	22 00
	$337 00

District No. 4.

Frank H. Reed, for teaching Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$96 00
Abby H. Vinal, for teaching Summer and Fall terms,	228 00
C. W. Brown, making fires,	3 00
Charles A. Litchfield, wood and fitting,	18 50
	$345 50

District No. 5.

Deborah N. Hatch, for teaching Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$102 00
C. F. Litchfield, making fires,	3 00
Martha W. Brooks, for teaching Summer and Fall terms,	240 00
John C. Nash, for wood and fitting,	18 00
	$363 00

District No. 6.

Eva B. Jones, for teaching Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$80 00
Julia A. Sylvester, for teaching Summer and Fall terms,	216 00
George A. Turner, for making fires,	2 50
Charles H. Litchfield, for wood,	13 25
Reuben Griggs, fitting wood,	4 00
	$315 75

District No. 7.

Mary W. Wheelwright, for teaching Winter term of 1871 and 1872,	$63 00
Mary P. Howland, for teaching three days term of 1872,	5 10
Mary L. Ells, for teaching Summer and Fall terms,	218 50
W. Swan, for making fires,	3 00
T. J. Tolman, for wood and fitting,	32 00
	$321 60

The whole sum expended for Schools from commencement of Winter term of 1871, to present time is $2,407 18, which does not include the Salary of Teachers for the Winter term of 1872 and 1873.

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL HOUSES.

District No. 1.

D. M. Willcutt, cleaning house and repairs, 1871,	$7 09
Edward Stowell, for stove,	13 50
Alpheus Thomas, cleaning house and repairs, 1872,	13 25
	$33 84

District No. 2.

Edwin Jacobs, for supplies, 1871,	$1 05
Richmond Farrar, cleaning house and repairs,	15 57
Richmond Farrar, for lumber and cash paid for labor on fence,	107 33
	$123 95

District No. 3.

Abel A. Vinal, for repairs, 1871,.....	$5 00
Liba Litchfield, cleaning house and repairs,.....	16 80
	$21 80

District No. 4.

S. W. Eastman, for stove and pipe, less cash for old stove,.....	$10 50
Chas. A. Litchfield, for cleaning house and furniture,	3 50
	$14 00

District No. 5.

John Corthell, for repairs 1871, ...	$1 20
David Torrey, Jr., for freight on furniture, 1871,....	3 00
John C. Nash, cleaning house and repairs, 1872,....	9 50
	$13 70

District No. 6.

Reuben Griggs, for cleaning house and repairs,.....	$7 65
S. W. Eastman, for stove and pipe, less cash for old stove,..	18 33
Levi Osborne, for masoning,.....	7 50
	$33 48

District No. 7.

T. J. Tolman, for cleaning house and repairs,.....	$42 17
Abner Stetson, for grading school house yard,.....	23 46
	$65 63

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

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By cash received for use of hall	$100 84

Dr.

To wood, oil, chimneys and wax	44 11
Balance in favor of Hall	$56 73

REMOVING SNOW.

Payments have been made to the persons named below :

E. T. Fogg,	$3 30	R. P. Briggs,	$8 90
William Hatch,	15 37	Alpheus Thomas,	1 35
Samuel Loring,	26 90	George O. Torrey,	10 00
B. T. Ellms,	15 00		$80 32

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE.

F. A. Davis, for ventilator and pipe	$10 00
Eleazer Hatch, for carpenter work	6 00
Levi Boles & Son, for glass	2 00
Joseph Merritt, for smith work	33 59
	$51 59

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

John Lewis,	$54 00	Betsey B. Sylvester,	$48 00
George B. Hayden,	54 00	Mary Spencer,	48 00
Matilda B. Stoddard,	48 00	Lydia J. Wilder,	96 00
Hannah Dover,	48 00	Charles D. Bernard,	72 00
Ruth B. Foster,	48 00	Benjamin Jacobs,	96 00
David H. Stoddard,	36 00	Edward W. Spurr,	17 00
Sarah L. Prouty, "Guardian,"	48 00	James Thompson,	168 00
E. T. Fogg, "	88 00	Catharine G. Mee,	64 00
C. H. Totman, "	80 00		$1,113 00

LIST OF JURORS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REVISION BY THE TOWN.

Joseph H. Curtis,
James House,
David Stoddard,
Edward Stowell,
Richmond Farrar,
Israel Nash,
Joseph T. Hartt,
E. T. Vinal,
Joshua B. Reed,
William B. Pratt,
Andrew J. Litchfield,
Peleg Curtis,
Samuel Waters,
Joseph H. Corthell,
George H. Torrey,
Walter Simmons,
Wm. W. Collamore,
Lincoln Ellms,
George O. Torrey,
William Hatch,
Cummings Litchfield,
Waters B. Barker,
Thomas B. Green,
Matthew Stetson,
Samuel Turner,
Horatio N. Gardner,
Seth Thomas,
Martin S. Curtis.

COMPENSATION TO TOWN OFFICERS.

Constables.

Charles W. Sparrell, warning town meetings.....	$20 00
John C. Nash, for warning town officers.....	5 00
	$25 00

Town Clerk.

E. T. Fogg, registering marriages, births and deaths,	$18 75

School Committee.

James Southworth, for services to March 4, 1872....	$16 00
James B. Tabor, for services from March 4 to Feb. 1, 1873....	38 95
Lucy Turner, for services from March 4 to Feb. 1, 1873.....	27 00
Chas. A. Litchfield, for services from March 4 to Feb. 1, 1873.....	19 00
	$100 95

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

Chas. A. Litchfield, services to March 4.....	$11 00
Edward Stowell, services to March 4	11 00
Chas. A. Litchfield, for services from March, 1872, to Feb. 1, 1873, 56 days.....	112 00
Edward Stowell, for services from March 4, 1872, to February 1, 1872, 56 days....	112 00
Thomas B. Waterman, for services from March 4, 1872, to Feb. 1, 1873, 43½ days.....	87 00
Edward Stowell, expenses to Boston and cash paid,	16 00
Chas. A. Litchfield, expenses to Boston and cash paid	6 00
	$355 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Joseph Easterbrooks, for printing assessor's notices,	$2 00
Perez Simmons, for legal services.....	5 00
Lot Soule, pump for well on Main street.....	15 00
J. F. Farmer, for printing town and school reports..	109 74
Post 112, G. A. R. by vote of town.....	50 00
Clemens Hershel for surveys, plans, and estimate of cost for draining North River, by vote of town..... ...	111 00
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, for school books, 1871,	145 39
N. P. Brownell, for land taken to widen road, 1868, by vote of town.....	10 00
Harper Brothers, for school books.....	8 40
Hoarce Dodd, advertising for almshouse keeper,....	4 75
J. F. Farmer, for printing order receipts.....	3 00
Dr. Brownell, for vaccination, 1870, by vote of town,	20 00
Seth Foster, rubber coat for use of hearse.....	5 75
James Wight & Co., for wheels.....	12 00
McCann & Burns, for iron.....	5 60
Lombard & Co., for grindstone and fixtures.... ...	7 68
S. W. Eastman, harness for use of hearse.....	38 00
Thomas Tolman, for horse cart..... .	31 00
Wm. P. Corthell, establishing line on Washington Street.....	5 00
E. T. Fogg, supplies to school houses.....	9 46
Chas. A. Littlefield, for expenses to Tewksbury State almshouse with William Griffin.....	5 66
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, for school books....	110 28
Dr. Brownell, for vaccinations, ...	82 08
Seth Foster, for expressage.....	17 50
E. T. Fogg, for postage and stationery.....	12 58
	$816 81

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Charles W. Sparrell, coffin and robe for Richard Freeman	$12 00
Asa C. Randall, for supplies to child of A. Q. Hall,	6 00
Town of Pembroke, for house rent for E. B. Howland, 1871	25 00
City of Springfield, for supplies to Catherine G. Mee and family	80 95
Edward Stowell, for expenses to Springfield to remove Mrs. Mee, and for freight on goods,	24 08
W. Torrey & C. W. Sparrell, for conveyance of Patrick Monahon to Taunton, and cash paid for medical certificates	29 50
State lunatic hospital for board of Lydia Gunderway	193 73
State lunatic hospital, for board of Patrick Monahon,	115 30
Supplies to Mary A. Henderson and family	15 17
Alice Brooker	52 00
Mary Palmer	49 42
James Thompson and family	55 75
Hewitt Baker and family	90 50
Town of Pembroke, for house rent and supplies to E. B. Howland and wife	58 63
Supplies to Catherine G. Mee and family	6 21
Supplies to Joseph B. Bowker and family	19 92
Supplies to Mary Monahon and family	59 72
	$893 88

It will be seen that the amount paid for support out of the almshouse is large, owing to the expense for board at the hos-

pital, of Lydia Gunderway and Patrick Monahon, and from what information we have obtained the expense will not be likely to cease at present.

In May last, Mr. Healey and wife gave up their situation as Superintendents, and Stephen Benson and wife were engaged to fill the situation, which we believe they have done to the satisfaction of the town.

Inmates at the Almshouse the past year.

Sarah Totman,	aged 79	Mary Williams,	aged 63
Siba Briggs,	" 68	Nancy Damon,	" 59
Catharine G. Mee,	" 46	Louisa J. Mee,	" 12
Josephine E. Mee,	" 10	Jefferson Damon,	" 56
John Woodward,	" 75	David Damon,	" 58
Jonathan Merritt,	" 78	Jeremiah Gunderway,	" 87

Died During the Year

Jonathan Merritt, David Damon.

Discharged.

Catherine G. Mee, Josephine E. Mee, Louisa J. Mee.

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

Corn and meal, 190 bushels, $155.92 ; flour, 11 bbls. $123,.....	$278 92
Fine feed, $12 ; beans, $2.50 ; fish, $7.69,.....	21 19
Coffee, cocoa and shells, $15.16 ; rice, tapiocca and extracts, $2.86,.....	18 02
Molasses, 66 gallons, $41.14 ; lard, $3.93,.....	45 07
Spices, $5.06 ; snuff, $5.09 ; cheese, $7.95,.....	18 10
Amount carried forward,.....	$381 30

Amount brought forward,	$381 30
Tea, 32 lbs, $25 ; garden seed, $1.80 ; Raisons, $4.24,	31 04
Farming tools, $2 ; dried apples, $3.67 ; salt, $2.56,	8 23
Soda, starch, and cream tartar, $4.31 ; matches, $2.88,	7 19
Boots and shoes, $7.10 ; crackers, $1.78 ; tripe, $1.13,	10 01
Vegetables, $2.77 ; brooms, pails, &c., $2.57,	5 34
Vinegar, $3.54 ; nails and hardware, $4.54,	8 08
Stone ware and crockery, $7.79 ; meat, $13.61,	21 40
Dry goods and clothing, $39.21 ; stove polish, .65,	39 86
Sugar, 425 lbs., $54.12 ; grass seed, $6.87,	60 99
Butter, 168 lbs., $54.04 ; horse blanket, $3.75,	57 79
Medicine, $9.41 : oil, lamp, chimney, &c., $20.34,	29 75
Soap, .50 ; groceries, $7.78,	8 38
Oscar F. Healey, for services as keeper to May 15,	87 50
Gideon Ford, for cow $40 ; Thomas & Merritt, for wood, $10,	50 00
Torrey & Co., for soap, $11.90 ; pasturing cow, $8,	19 90
Eli Haskins, for bread, $1.82 ; Corthell, for meat, $45.75,	47 57
S. Foster, for medicine, grate and expressage,	7 90
C. W. Sparrell, for coffins and shrouds for D. Damon and J. Merritt,	32 00
Hiram Curtis, for digging grave for D. Damon,	4 00
Stephen Benson, for services 8½ months,	166 67
Joseph H. Corthell, for meat,	74 27
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance,	40 50

Supplies furnished by Keeper.

Dry goods, $12.46 ; bread, $8.95 ; tripe, clams and fish, $20.86,	42 27
Amount carried forward,	$1,241 94

Amount brought forward,	$1,241 94
Filing saws, repairs on harness, &c., $5.88; milk, $2.20,	8 08
Repairs on boots and shoes, $7.51; lumber and mason work, $5.97,	13 48
Oxen to plough, $12.22; sawing lumber, $6.43,	18 65
Wagon hire, bricks, and repairs on stove,	3 25
Boots and shoes, $2.18; coal, $1.10; lime, $1.75,	5 03
Vegetables, $5.37; soap, dried apples, and medicine, $5.65,	11 02
	$1,301 45

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received for meals and lodgings,	$37 20
Horse hire, $10.12; hay, $32.23,	42 35
Pigs, $35.00; fowls, $15.82,	50 82
Lumber, $17.68; old iron, $5.69,	23 37
Calf, $8.50; well curb, .75; hay, $22.92,	32 17
Hide and tallow,	8 60
Board of 9 2-3 paupers at $2.11 7-10 per week,	1,067 19
Received from T. Tolman for removing trees,	4 00
For labor on roads,	35 75
	$1,301 45
Received from town of Pembroke for support of Hewitt Baker and family,	$90 50
Received from town of E. Bridgewater for support of child,	6 00
Received from State for support of Alice Brooker,	52 00
	$148 50
Due from town of Hanover for supplies to Mary A. Henderson and family,	$15 17

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Charles M. Damon,	1870 & '71,	$4	00	Seth Damon,	1870 & '71,	$4	00
Elisha T. Coleman,	" "	4	00	John Jacobs, est.,	" "	9	20
Levi Winslow,	" "	4	72	George T. Tolman,	1870,	2	00
Henry Litchfield,	1870,	2	72	George Currill,	"	2	00
Thomas Barstow,	"	2	00	Morris Gammon,	"	2	00
John N. Collier,	"	2	00	H. F. Stoddard,	"	2	00
N. P. Powell,	"	2	00	Edward Arnold,	"	2	00
William R. Vinal,	"	2	00	J. E. Stoddard,	"	2	00
James E. Damon,	"	2	00	Joseph W. Bowker,	1871,		72
E. W. Spurr,	"	2	00	Walter H. Merritt,	"	2	00
Josiah Chamberlain,	1871,	2	00	William T. Goodrich,	"	4	04
George F. Stetson,	"	2	00	James E. Church,	"	2	00
Edward Shay,	"	2	00	Charles D. Bishop,	"	7	53
Frances Merritt, est.,	"	5	16	E. L. Hyland,	1870,	1	40
Hannah Totman, "	1870,	6	83	Leander Osborne,	1871,	4	28
Charles Foster, "	"	10	47	James L. Hunt,	"	2	00
C. W. Spooner,	1871,	2	72	Charles Leroy,	"	2	00
Elisha A. Jacobs,	"	2	00	Wm. H. Farrar,	"	1	03
Marcus M. French,	"		23	Henry W. Damon,	"		74
Everett Cushing,	1868,	2	00	Seth Turner, est.,	1872	6	70
Abel A. Vinal,	1871,	3	80				
John Stoddard,	1870 & '71,	4	00			$130	29

GUIDE BOARDS.

We believe that Guide Posts, with suitable boards attached, are erected in all places where needed in town, but would recommend that a few be repainted.

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1st, 1873.

Repairs on school houses,	$306 40
Removing snow,	80 82
Extra repairs on roads and bridges,	1,240 45
Repairs of Highways,	2,061 94
Gravel,	61 94
State Aid,	1,113 00
Schools,	2,407 18
Town Officers,	499 70
Taxes abated and given up,	130 29
Expenses of Poor out of almshouse,	893 88
Repairs on almshouse,	51 59
Miscellaneous expenses,	816 81
Repairs on Highways, 1871,	44 09
County tax,	1,272 79
State tax,	1,520 00
Expenses of Poor at almshouse,	1,067 19
	$13,568 07

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Total value of real estate,	$612,720 00
Personal estate,	378,609 00
Valuation, May 1, 1872,	$991,327 00

Rate of taxation, $1.25 on $100.
Number of polls, 470.

Total tax for State, County, and Town purposes,	$13,292 79
Overlayings,	367 78
School Books	18 09
Highway arrears,	341 69
Amount of Taxes placed in hands of Collector,	$14,020 35

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

Notes in favor of	South Scituate Savings Bank,	$4,932 00
	Daniel Otis,	1,000 00
	Joseph T. Litchfield,	725 00
	Methodist Episcopal Church,	200 00
	Sally Wise,	625 00
	Charles W. Sylvester,	470 00
	Harvey T. Sylvester,	200 00
	Michael Ford,	1,025 00
	Ebenezer Stetson,	200 00
	R. V. C. Turner,	575 00
	George Beasley,	200 00
	Joseph T. Tolman,	300 00
Interest due on the above notes,		196 25
Estimated amount due the several schools,		800 00
Amount due Treasurer and Collector,		100 00
Bills outstanding, estimated at		500 00
		$12,048 25

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By cash and outstanding taxes in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1873,	$4,110 01
Due from Commonwealth for State Aid,	1,313 00
Estate of Eunice Damon,	148 64
Town of Hanover for supplies to Mary A. Henderson,	44 67
Balance against the town,	6,431 93
	$12,048 25

Reducing the town debt, $2,470.49

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending February 1, 1873.

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of South Scituate.

Dr.

For taxes outstanding March, 1872,	$2,845 94
Cash March, 1872,	467 62
To assessment of taxes, 1873,	14,020 35
Cash received of State for State paupers,	263 24
Sale of fish right,	14 50
Dividend on insurance policies,	32 50
Use of town hall,	12 00
From county treasurer on dog fund,	136 46
From sale of hay,	15 74
State treasurer for State aid,	1,176 72
State treasurer balance corporation tax of 1872,	209 88
Note So. Scituate savings bank,	500 00
From E. Bridgewater support of poor,	6 00
For pedlar's licenses,	6 00
From sale of town flats,	146 12
From State treasurer, corporation tax,	1,325 67
For labor on roads,	35 75
For interest on taxes, 1871,	85 12
From T. Tolman, removing trees,	4 00
From State treasurer from school fund,	158 33
From State treasurer for support of State paupers,	52 00
	$21,513 95

CR.

To cash paid on Selectmen's orders and allowances,	$10,621 82
Notes and Interest,.....	3,976 38
State Tax,.....	1,520 00
County Tax,.....	1,272 79
Scituate Tax,.....	12 95
Outstanding taxes and cash in hands of Treasurer,.	4,110 01
	$21,513 95

DOGS LICENSED IN 1872.

73 male and 7 female: amount received,.....	$181 00
Town Clerk fees,.....	16 00
Amount paid to County Treasurer,.....	$165 00

In conclusion, we would suggest that at the Annual Meeting the Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer be instructed to do so on or before February 1, 1874, so that their Report could be printed with that of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS B. WATERMAN, } *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE IN 1872.

DATE.	NAME GROOM AND BRIDE.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	RESIDENCE.	PLACE BIRTH.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 25	Harvey T. Sylvester,	61	Farmer.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate.	Rev. Wm H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Ruth Whitcomb,	48		do.	Cohasett.	
Jan. 29.	Sylvester Prince,	39	Shoemaker.	do.	So. Scituate.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Mary Prince,	29		do.	Hanson.	
Feb. 22.	Joshua F. Prince,	45	Shoemaker.	do.	Hanson.	Rev. George Leonard, of Marshfield.
	Charlotte H. Sylvester,	34		do.	So. Scituate.	
March 2.	Alfred Winslow,	30	Shoemaker.	do.	do.	Rev. Samuel Cutler, of Hanover.
	Hannah W. Sampson,	26		Hingham.	Weymouth.	
March 3.	Ephraim Otis,	52	Farmer.	So Scituate.	So. Scituate.	Rev. T. P. Doggett, of Pembroke.
	Deborah H. Gray,	43		do.	Tiverton, R.I.	
March 4.	Wilber Nichols,	23	Shoemaker.	do.	So. Scituate.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Hattie P. Lincoln,	20		do·	do.	
March 4,	John Clapp,	43	Farmer.	do.	do.	Rev. J. C. Labaree. of Randolph.
	Elvina A. Conant,	41		Randolph.	Randolph.	
March 13.	Joseph S. Litchfield,	25	Bootmaker.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate.	Rev. Francis J. Wagner, of Weymouth.
	Annie Edwards,	21		Hingham.	Cohassett	
March 11.	William H. Richardson,	24	Shoemaker.	So. Scituate.	Scituate.	Rev. G. W. Ballou, of Scituate.
	Flora L. Litchfield,	18		do.	So. Scituate.	
April 14,	James F. Clapp,	20	Shoemaker.	do.	do.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Lucy L. Wilder,	20		do.	do.	
June 16.	Herbert Shurtleff,	26	Physician.	Sutton	Rochester.	Rev. A. C. Jennings, of Hingham.
	Emma W. Groce,	21		So. Scituate.	So. Scituate.	
June 27.	William R. Vinal,	28	Expressm'n	do.	do.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Mary E. Farrar,	22		do.	do.	
June 27.	Seth Damon,	26	Blacksmith.	do.	- -	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Eliza A. Webster,	26		Scituate.	- -	
June 28.	Edwin R. Studley,	27	Carpenter.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Emma V. Lincoln,	20		do.	Hingham.	
June 30.	Charles A. Farrar,	23	Shoemaker.	do.	So. Scituate.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Carrie E. Goodrich,	18		Hanover.	Hanover.	
July 20,	John F. Savage,	24	Car'ge sm'th	Abington.	England.	Rev. Wm. H. Brooks, of Hanover.
	Caroline Stearns,	21		So. Scituate.	Boston.	

July 28.	Charles A. Foster,	23	Trunkmak'r	So. Scituate,	So. Scituate.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Eva Marion Prouty,	17		Scituate.	Scituate,	
August 7.	Lewis K. Stevens,	27	Carpenter.	do.	Freeport, Me.	Rev. Andrew Read, of Hanover.
	Ella E. Bates,	26		So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	
August 2.	George A. Wilder,	23	Shoemaker.	So. Scituate.	do.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Pamelia L. French,	21		do.	do.	
August 31.	Charles W. Tilden,	21	Blacksmith.	do.	do.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Emma F. Turner,	17		do.	do.	
August 28.	Solon Doggett,	38	Artist.	Pembroke.	Bridgewater	Rev. T. P. Doggett, of Pembroke.
	Sarah H. Otis,	40		So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	
Sept. 5,	Cassius C. Merritt,	22	Carpenter.	Scituate.	do.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Alice L. Clapp,	19		So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	
Sept. 14.	William H. Bearce.	23	Stitcher.	Abington.	Abington,	Rev. J. B. Tabor, of So. Scituate.
	Emma L. Bickford,	18		do.	Portland, Me,	
Sept. 28.	Charles N. Gardner,	27	Shoemaker.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	Rev. J. B. Tabor, of So. Scituate.
	Ellen F. Henderson,	27		- -	Hanover,	
Sept. 27.	Albion Damon,	36	Butcher.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	Rev. Andrew Read, of Hanover.
	Abbie M. Clapp,	38		Scituate.	Scituate.	
Sept. 13.	Edwin G. Gardner,	23	Shoemaker.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	Rev. J. B. Tabor, of So. Scituate.
	Emma D. Wilder,	20		do.	Hingham,	
Sept. 21.	Franklin Litchfield,	23	Farmer.	Hingham.	Scituate.	Rev. E. J. Giddings, of Scituate.
	Annie E. Collier,	26		So. Scituate.	Boston,	
Oct. 2.	Alpheus Lewis,	24	Shoemaker.	Marshfield.	Marshfield,	Rev. C. W. Allen, of Hanover.
	Emma L. Randall,	18		So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	
Oct. 12.	Nathaniel B. Clapp,	57	Farmer.	do.	do.	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Julia Clapp,	48		do.	do.	
Oct. 24.	William K. Sylvester,	22	Brakeman.	do.	do.	Rev. Amos Harris, of Arlington.
	Elizabeth M. Lane,	18		Abington.	Abington,	
Nov. 19.	Frank Dana,	39	Farmer.	So. Scituate.	Woodstock Vt	Rev. Wm. H. Fish, of So. Scituate.
	Hattie Thayer,	25		Weymouth.	Pembroke.	
Nov. 21.	Edwin F. Damon,	29	Shoemaker.	So. Scituate.	Duxbury,	Rev. Andrew Read, of Hanover.
	Frances S. Davis,	37		do.	Eastport, Me,	
Nov. 23.	Amos W. Sprague,	42	Shoemaker.	do.	So. Scituate,	Rev. J. B. Tabor, of So. Scituate.
	Emily W. Litchfield,	22		do.	do.	
Dec. 17.	Joshua R. Barker,	34	Steam and	Charlestown.	Charlestown,	Rev. W. H. Brooks, of Hanover.
	Fidelia L. Howland,	29	[Gas fitter.	So. Scituate.	So. Scituate,	
Dec. 19.	Israel Hatch,	23	Tackmaker.	do.	Marshfield,	Rev. Charles Jones, of Saxonville.
	Josephine McRoy,	22		Framingham.	Framingham,	

Births Registered in the Town of South Scituate, 1872.

Date.	*Name of Child.*	*Name of Parents.*
Jan. 10.	Nathan S. Turner.	Henry A. and Mary J.
Jan. 21.	Charles William Dorr. . . .	William and Ellen.
Jan. 26.	Dolly F. Young.	Benjamin M. and Ardelia.
Feb. 3.	Harry Ellsworth Gardner. . .	John D. and Berthia C.
Feb. 22.	Nathan F. Studley.	George and Mary A.
Apr. 23.	Harry Porter Goodrich. . . .	Joseph B. and Maria A.
Apr. 26.	Daisy F. Leavitt. . . - . .	Julia Leavitt.
July 2.	Willie Allen Randall.	Allen U. and Angelia.
July 2.	Albert E. Osborne.	Albert and Hannah.
July 8.	Oscar F. Sprague.	Daniel D. and Sarah E.
July 9.	William F. Hyland.	Edmund L. and Elizabeth H.
July 26.	Joseph Foster Merritt. . . .	Joseph and Helen M.
Aug. 6,	Etta Josephine Curtis. . . .	Joseph H. and Henrietta.
Aug.	Julia E. Stoddard.	Maria Stoddard.
Sept. 21,	Lillie May Richardson. . . .	George W. and Emma E.
Oct. 20.	Mason Laws Loring.	James L. and Angelia.
Oct. 26.	Frank Herbert Studley. . . .	Henry L. and Almira.
Oct. 30.	Herbert Francis Young, . . .	Charles C. and Esther M.
Oct. 31.	Frederic Lincoln Prouty, . .	Orlando C. and Juliet.
Nov. 7.	Eugene Irving Arnold, . . .	Edwin and Alafia.
Nov. 12.	Abednigo W. B. Richardson. .	Andrew S. and Mahala.
Nov. 14.	——— Litchfield.	Edwin and Cora.
Dec. 18.	——— Litchfield.	Alfred B. and Emily.
Dec. 22,	Henry Thomas Farrar, . . .	Albert T. and Sarah C.
Dec. 25.	——— Prouty.	Oliver B. and Caroline T.
Dec. 30,	Ernest Hamilton Sparrell, . .	Charles W. and Susan M.

Number of Births, 26.

Deaths Registered in the Town of South Scituate, 1872.

Date.	*Names.*	*Age.* Y.	M.	D.	*Cause of Death.*	*Birthplace.*
Jan. 6.	Desire B. Sparrell, ...	73	4	0	Paralysis,	Worcester.
Feb. 4.	Cornelius Church.	69	5	10	Heart Disease,	Pembroke.
Feb. 27.	Eliza Turner, ...	65	11	2	Consumption	So.Scituate.
Mch 13.	Willie C. Ford, ...	15	4	5	Stoppage.	So. Scituate
Mch 19.	Bernard Litchfield, ...	77	0	17	Old age,	Scituate.
Apr. 17.	James E. Hewitt, ...	37	7	0	Consumption	Hanson.
May 3.	Sarah A. Briggs, ...	20	7	13	Consumption	So. Scituate
May 20,	Lucy P. Damon, ...	62	10	20	Dropsy,	So.Scituate.
June 4.	Simeon Williamson, ...	70	0	0	Pneumonia,	Marshfield.
June 8.	Daniel Otis, ...	83	7	2	Dropsy,	So. Scituate
July 15.	Wallace C. Hildreth.	2	3	0	Chol. Infantum,	Boston.
July 24.	Sarah C. Sprague, ...	37	10	10	Inflammation	So. Scituate
July 24.	Andrew N. Greene, ...	2	0	23	Dysentery,	So. Scituate
Aug. 20.	Mary E. Foster, ...	30	6	7	Child birth,	Boston.
Sept. 4.	Albert E. Osborne, ...	0	2	2	Canker,	So. Scituate
Sept.16.	Katie Chamberlain, ...	18	5	0	Child birth,	So. Scituate
Sept.18.	Daisy F. Leavitt, ...	0	4	23	Chol. Infantum,	So. Scituate
Sept.19.	Sarah J. Turner, ...	42	0	0	Inflammation of Bowels.	So. Scituate
Oct. 6.	James Southworth, ...	73	10	0	Inflammation	So. Scituate
Oct. 21.	Luther H. Stoddard, ...	20	6	0	Typhoid fev.,	So. Scituate
Dec. 12.	Nancy Jacobs, ...	79	0	0	Consumption	So. Scituate
Dec. 15.	Sarah A. Knapp, ...	1	5	0	Cong. Brain,	Haverhill.

Number of Deaths, 23.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of South Scituate,

FOR THE

School Year 1872-3.

REPORT.

In making their Report to the citizens of the town, the School Committee turn to the task with a good degree of satisfaction. Not that we are "perfectly satisfied" with the progress and condition of the Schools but, we feel that something has been done to place them on a higher level and make them more effective for good. At the beginning of the School-year, partly from necessity and partly from choice, an entire change was made in our corps of teachers. With the change of teachers an effort was immediately made to improve the discipline of the Schools. It has been demonstrated beyond any doubt, times without number, that a School under poor government is a poor School, whatever advantages it may possess. Several of our Schools during the preceding term were so nearly failures, on account of loose management that the town would have lost very little had the Schools been dismissed and the School-houses closed. Perhaps one prominent cause of this result was the low wages paid to teachers previous to this year and the consequent

inability of the Committee to secure, as a general thing, the better and more experienced teachers and, if secured, to retain them. School "keeping" has in far too many instances taken the place of School "teaching," and, as a consequence, "stuffing" and "show" have been the order for "examination day" instead of actual acquirements. The action of the town, at the last meeting, in making a larger appropriation for the Schools — certainly as wise as it was timely — enabled the Committee to pay better wages and, therefore, to demand better work. Our corps of teachers proved to be an exceptionally good one, and seconded with ready co-operation the suggestions of the Committee, while, in many instances, using the results of practical experience. We think the result has been a manifest improvement both in the government and general order of our Schools, and believe that the improvement in intellect has kept pace with the improvement in manners.

Touching the Schools in particular, it is quite difficult to tell which one has made the greatest actual progress. During the Summer and Fall terms, — these are the only completed terms of which we can speak, — the School in District No. 2 was certainly the best ordered. But that School, one of our best, was in full better condition at the beginning of the year than any other in the town, and whether it made any more actual progress during the time than some of the others may be doubted. No. 1 was very disorderly indeed, — it had, apparently, been

running wild for some time, — but the skill and perseverance of the teacher has made a great change in the appearance of the School, and a vast improvement in every respect. No. 3 seemed to work similarly until about the middle of the second term, when, for various reasons, — doubtless, both teacher and parents were in fault, — there was a decline in excellence. Near the close of the term the teacher was obliged to leave on account of sickness in her family, and the change of teachers made a marked change for the better in the character of the School. We believe that Nos. 4, 5, and 7 have been highly successful throughout the year, and that the changes made in the instruction and management have been beneficial in the extreme. The School in District No. 6 was reported a failure last year, and had to commence as a failure at the beginning of this year. From some indications it would seem that a part of the pupils, — not to say parents, — were perfectly willing it should remain a failure. But, notwithstanding this lamentable fact, the School has actually made good progress, and is worthy of all praise for what has been accomplished under difficulties that have proved insurmountable in many instances.

On the whole, then, we think ourselves justified in saying that our Schools have been successful, in a good degree, throughout the year, and are now in a promising condition. At the same time, while regretting the necessity, we must say they have not been nearly as successful

as they might have been, had the parents taken the interest they are in duty bound to take in the education of their children. It is one of the strangest things in the world that parents expect the teachers and the School Committee to do everything that needs to be done to make the Schools of abiding interest and value. The teachers may do all they can, and the Committee add their efforts, but both will lose the best part of their toil while the parents remain careless and indifferent to the real progress and acquirements of their children. The parents train their children for years; the teachers train them for hours. If the former do nothing more than to grumble when called upon to procure new books, quiz the children for School-news, find fault and make remarks derogatory to the character or ability of the teacher, what benefit will the children derive from the best School in the world? Why is it that so many people take such delight in circulating any bad reports, frequently none of their business, that may chance to come to them from the School-room? They are never half so prompt to praise even those most worthy of praise. True, our Schools are public institutions, and our School-houses are common property, but the number of those who visit the one and look into the other for strictly School-purposes is very small indeed. Our Registers show the visitors to be those who take no interest in the Schools, as a general thing, but go rather from curiosity or out of regard for the teacher. Even the Prudential Committees are fre-

quently very dilatory in attending to their duties, of which fact our School-houses far too often give vexatious evidence. But why are the interests of our Common Schools permitted to be the last things considered, and their actual needs the last wants to be supplied? We have no institution or interest that is so essential to the living success of the town as are our Schools. Town halls, bridges, roads, even the draining of marshes and "the railroad,"—all sink into insignificance when compared with our Common Schools. But do we appreciate this fact and act acordingly? How many parents in the town, if asked what books their children study, and how far and how well they have got along in those books, can answer the questions correctly? At the same time, many declare themselves "very much interested" in the success of the Schools and of their children's education. But of what value are such declarations? A moment's heed given to these matters daily by those who ought to be interested would give the children an incentive to strive for success and proficiency, such as can be derived from no other source. The germs of the children's conduct in and around the School-house are planted at home, and the observing teacher can generally form an accurate idea of the standard of the parents by noticing the ruling motive of the child. Nine-tenths of the "difficulties" that occur in school are the direct out-growth of home influence and suggestion—perhaps not always nor often intentional—and in the vast majority of cases wherein the scholars

make themselves liable to punishment, the real culprit is beyond the reach of any one having authority in the case, unless the town appoint a special committee whose duty it shall be to punish the parents when they forget the demands of reason and common sense.

It is a sad waste of time and breath for people to say they "never make any trouble in school," while at the same time they take particular pains to find fault with every decisive act of the teacher that does not coincide with their own personal views, and circulate far and wide the intelligence that their child or children have been particularly misused. The largest amouut of fault finding about schools is done by those who are in ignorance of the real facts of which they speak, or, at best, possess but half knowledge. The justice of our courts would be more "one sided" than it is now if all evidence were "ruled out", save that introduced by the plaintiff. And yet this is the principle, as a general rule, whereby the value and efficiency of schools are judged.

These are not pleasant things to consider, they are not pleasant things to write, but they are evils that can be remedied, and facts that must be looked in the face. The greater success and usefulness of our schools demand not only that these evils be considered, but also that they be exterminated. Too long have they been allowed to color, if not control, all primary ideas of education to the apparent detriment of all concerned. There is need of a thorough revolution—a new order of things. And, to

make the change beneficial, there is another evil, one of our most serious difficulties, that must not be passed by—unnecessary absenteeism. Our Registers are sadly defaced by long lines of absence marks, perhaps most frequently following the names of those who have the greatest need of school instruction. Doubtless in many instances scholars are positively obliged to be absent by causes beyond their control, but in the vast majority of cases no good reason is ever given for the non-attendance—and this fact of itself is a positive intimation that no such reason exists. The most trifling things are often allowed to become insurmountable obstacles when they stand between the scholar and the school-room. Sometimes even the children's "don't want to go to school" is sufficient to keep them at home. For some reason parents and guardians seem strangely averse to "using authority" to induce children to attend school; and the fact that authority is lacking, where it should be employed, accounts in some measure for the very disagreeable fact that so many of the children of our great State, and greater Nation, are growing up in willing ignorance. It ishardly to be supposed that children "between the ages of five and fifteen" are entirely fitted to judge of what they will need, in the way of education, through the years of life; but certainly we have a right to expect the parents to possess some intelligent idea of the demands of the day and the age, and that they will try to place the blessings of, at least, our Common Schools within the reach of

their children. But the scholars who attend irregularly know nothing of the blessings of School. They can have no interest in their lessons, and, on the whole, are a hindrance to those who are striving to advance. They get behind their classes. The teacher, to avoid the formation of new classes, tries to keep them together by urging on the one and holding back the other ; and the consequence is a state of things very far from satisfactory. The injury wrought to our Schools by this one difficulty is enormous, and calls loudly for a better understanding and a higher appreciation of the evils of irregular attendance. Not only do we need to look at the subject carefully in this town, as shown in the Tabular Statement, but the same evil exists in all parts of our country, and is fast hastening the advent of the next great question that will engage the attention of this Nation, — Compulsory Education.

While rejoicing in the measure of prosperity attending their efforts for the advancement of the Schools, the Committee regret that all such efforts are partially paralyzed for the lack of a better system of grading. Our School-houses are too full — not of scholars, but of classes. Under existing circumstances it is utterly impossible for our teachers to give that attention, either to the older or younger pupils, that they actually require. The question of a higher grade of instruction gains in importance with each succeeding year. The greatest development and efficiency of our Common Schools depends upon the establishment and support of one or more High Schools.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

ON THE

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

Town of South Scituate,

For the Year ending Feb. 1, 1874,

INCLUDING

REPORTS OF THE ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR, TOWN TREASURER AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

With a List of Marriages, Births, and Deaths

FROM STATISTICS FURNISHED BY THE TOWN CLERK.

PRINTED BY ORDER OF THE TOWN.

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CORNER OF COURT AND NORTH STREETS.
1874.

TRANSCRIPT

Of the articles in the Warrant issued for the Annual Meeting of March 2d, 1874.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk.

ART. 3.—To hear and act on the report of Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

ART. 4.—To hear and act on the report of the Treasurer.

ART. 5.—To choose all such Town Officers as the laws of the State, and by-laws of the Town require.

ART. 6.—What sum of money will the Town raise for the support of the Poor, the Schools, and to defray the incidental expenses?

ART. 7.—What sum of money will the town raise for the repair of Highways, and direct when, and where, and in what manner the same shall be expended?

ART. 8.—In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

ART. 9.—Will the Town authorize the Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

ART. 10.—Will the Town appoint special agents to have charge of the School-houses?

ART. 11.—Will the Town accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen?

ART. 12.—What compensation will the Town make for removing snow.

ART. 13.—Will the Town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in the month of February next?

ART. 14.—To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

ART. 15.—What sum of money will the Town raise for the purpose of paying state aid to the disabled soldiers, and to the families of the slain?

ART. 16.—To elect a committee to settle with the Treasurer.

ART. 17.—To make allowance to Town creditors.

ART. 18.—To act on the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards.

ART. 19.—Will the Town repair the road, or private way, leading from "River Street," near the house of James H. Williams, to "Circuit street?"

ART. 20.—Will the Town build the road as per order of the County Commissioners, under petition of J. H. Curtis and others?

ART. 21.—Will the Town allow the free use of the Town Hall the ensuing year to Post 112 for its regular meetings?

ART. 22.—Will the Town appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of Post 112 on Memorial Day?

ART. 23.—Will the Town appropriate a sum of money for the completion of the Soldiers' Monument, and for a fence around the same?

ART. 24.—Will the Town sell their meadow land to I. Nash?

ART. 25.—Will the Town repair Jourdan Lane, "so called?"

ART. 26.—Will the Town expunge the vote passed March, 1872, in aid of the Plymouth County Rail Road?

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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor submit for consideration their Report of the financial standing of the Town, together with the receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 1st, 1874.

REPAIRS ON ROADS.

Bowker Street.

The following named persons have received the sums set against their names for labor and material:

R. P. Briggs,	for labor,	$36 00	Loring Jacobs,	for labor,	$5 25
W. S. Briggs,	"	20 00	J. S. Clapp,	"	14 00
B. Barrell,	"	18 00	M. Gammon,	"	16 00
J. Bowker,	"	12 00	E. Gammon,	"	8 75
F. Damon,	"	3 00	H. Stoddard,	"	7 00
R. Winslow,	"	1 50	Piam Jacobs,	"	36 00
Bela Jacobs,	"	4 00			
Benjamin Jacobs,	"	13 50			$195 00

Parker Street.

Robert V. C. Turner,	for labor,	$23 00	John Freeman,	for labor,	$11 37
W. H. Merritt,	"	4 37			
E. L. Brown,	"	22 65			$61 39

The above bills are for extra repairs authorized by the town.

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor:

R. P. Briggs,	for labor,	$64 00	Frank Damon,	for labor,	$12 00
W. S. Briggs,	"	187 50	J. S. Clapp,	"	44 62
B. Barrell,	"	64 00	Loring Jacobs,	"	35 43
David Bailey,	"	1 00	E. Gammon,	"	7 00
Morris Gammon,	"	64 00	Luther Bailey,	"	14 50
T. Jones,	"	28 81	Bela Jacobs,	"	18 50
Piam Jacobs,	"	11 00	Benjamin Jacobs,	"	9 00
Walter Simmons,	"	25 00	I. Burrell,	"	4 37
John Clapp,	"	19 00	E. Damon,	"	1 00
J. H. Curtis,	"	11 50			
Drain pipe,		9 00			$667 23
J. Bowker,	"	36 00			

R. P. Briggs, *Surveyor.*

The following named persons have received the sums set against their names for labor:

R. V. C. Turner,	for labor,	$182 50	Henry Stoddard,	for labor,	$8 75
Piam Jacobs,	"	99 75	W. S. Hatch,	"	20 00
C. Brown,	"	1 50	Edwin Merritt,	"	16 00
I. Packard,	"	40 10	A. C. Randall,	"	4 23
Antoine Joseph,	"	12 25	E. L. Brown,	"	73 50
John Freeman,	"	68 67	David Stockbridge,	"	10 50
C. Granderson,	"	21 25	Liba Litchfield,	"	21 25
W. H. Merritt,	"	77 87			
H. H. Jenkins,	"	8 72			$666 66

R. V. C. Turner, *Surveyor.*

The following named persons have received the sums set against their names for labor:

Abner Stetson,	for labor,	$405 00	Seth Thomas,	for labor,	$28 62
Sylvanus Clapp,	"	24 00	Jack Enols,	"	97 12
H. B. Turner,	"	45 50	Henry Barstow,	"	20 62
L. Meade,	"	52 50	Coleman Ford,	"	14 00
A. Totman,	"	5 25	John McCurdy,	"	67 37
Peter Hartt,	"	36 74	Alfred Freeman,	"	3 00
David Stoddard,	"	26 25	Tolman,	"	2 62
Albert Freeman,	"	10 50	John Kehoe,	"	21 87
E. Barstow,	"	20 00	Daniel McCarty,	"	55 12
W. C. Tolman,	"	2 25			
Josiah Stoddard,	"	32 00			$970 33

Abner Stetson, *Surveyor.*

At the Town Meeting in April last, the town appropriated $100.00 for extra repairs on "River Street," which amount is included in the above bill; and as there seems to have been a misunderstanding with the Surveyors in regard to the division of the money appropriated by the town for repairs of highways, there has been expended the sum of $2,204.23, or $204.23 more than the appropriation.

The following sums have been paid for gravel:

R. V. C. Turner, for cash paid	$26 86
Abner Stetson, for cash paid	34 58
R. P. Briggs, for cash paid	22 92
D. Torrey, Jr., for gravel	9 72
L. C. Waterman, for gravel from 1868 to 1873	35 46
	$19 542

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Alpheus Thomas, for wood and fitting, 1872	$23 08
Rebecca C. Brooks, for teaching 37 weeks, at $10.00 per week	370 00
John H. Prouty, for wood, fitting, and making fires	24 88
	$417 96

District No. 2.

Sophia R. Simmons, for cash paid for making fires, and care of house, 1872	$5 00
Richmond Farrar, for wood and fitting, 1872	10 75
Amount carried forward	$15 75

Amount brought forward.	$15 75
Maria Jacobs, for teaching 37 weeks, at $10.00 per week,	370 00
Elwin M. Brown, for wood and fitting	20 50
	$406 25

DISTRICT No. 3.

Hattie R. Gardner, for teaching 13 weeks, at $10.00 per week	$130 00
Jesse Reed, for making fires	3 00
Anna Tolman, for teaching 24 weeks, at $9.25 per week	222 00
A. B. Litchfield, wood and fitting	26 00
	$381 00

DISTRICT No. 4.

Abbie M. Vinal, for teaching 13 weeks, at $10.00 per week	130 00
F. M. Curtis, for making fires	3 00
Jennie M. Currell, for teaching 12 weeks, at $9.00 per week	108 00
Annie E. Williamson, for teaching 12 weeks, at $9.00 per week	108 00
C. A. Litchfield, for wood and fitting	21 75
	$370 75

DISTRICT No. 5.

David Torrey, for wood, 1872	$5 00
Martha W. Brooks, for teaching 37 weeks, at $10.00 per week	370 00
E. T. Fogg, Jr., for making fires	3 00
Bella Nye, assistant teacher	12 00
N. B. Sylvester, for wood and fitting	28 00
	$418 00

District No. 6.

Julia A. Sylvester, for teaching 13 weeks, at $9.00 per week	$117 00
George B. Totman, for making fires	3 00
Mary L. Ells, for teaching 24 weeks, at $10.00 per week,	240 00
David W. Turner, for wood and fitting	25 00
	$385 00

District No. 7.

J. M. Hatch, for teaching 11 weeks, at $10.00 per week,	$110 00
G. T. Tolman, for making fires	5 00
Mary L. Ells, for teaching 14 weeks, at $10.00 per week,	140 00
M. A. McCurdy, assistant teacher	4 00
A. L. Thomas, for teaching 13 weeks, at $10.00 per week,	130 00
Peter Hartt, for wood and fitting	41 10
	$430 10

Total amount paid for schools for the three terms ending in November last, $2,809.06.

By deducting amount paid for winter terms ending in March last, there has been paid out of this year's appropriation $1,825.23; and the amount required to pay the teachers, making fires, &c., for the terms ending in March next, will be $925.00, making a total of $2,750.23 for the year. Allowing the school fund from the State and County to be $294.79, the same as last year, there will be left of the town appropriation, $1,544.56.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE SEVERAL SCHOOL HOUSES.

District No. 1.

A. B. Loring, for well rope	$1 20
J. H. Prouty, for cleaning house and repairs	33 84
Alpheus Thomas, for repairs	1 67
	$36 71

District No. 2.

Richmond Farrar, for repairs and cleaning up yard	$3 25

District No. 3.

Snow Bryant, setting glass	$1 50
Liba Litchfield, for repairs, 1872	1 30
A. B. Litchfield, for cleaning house and repairs	8 80
	$11 60

District No. 4.

C. A. Litchfield, for cleaning house and repairs	$5 45

District No. 5.

S. & D. W. Turner, for repairs	$3 75
Levi Osborne, for masoning	7 00
N. B. Sylvester, for cleaning house and repairs	9 00
F. A. Davis, for ventilator, stove pipe, and labor	16 52
Eleazer Hatch, for carpenter work	6 00
	$42 27

District No. 6.

David W. Turner, for cleaning house and repairs.....	$7 25
D. Pratt's Sons, for clock.....	5 00
	$12 25
E. T. Fogg, for supplies to the several school houses,.	$13 73

District No. 7.

Peter Hartt, for cleaning house and repairs.....	$9 34
F. A. Davis, for labor and material	5 25
Peter Hartt, for furniture.....	3 00
	$17 59

Total amount for repairs, furniture, &c., $142.85.

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE.

Eleazer Hatch, for labor.....	$9 25
Joseph Merritt, 2d, smith work.....	18 59
S. & D. W. Turner, for carpenter work	143 83
F. Damon, for lumber and hardware..... ...	191 69
E. T. Fogg, for paint, stock, &c., ...	38 88
Cutter & Parker, for windows	41 35
T. R. Lawrence, for painting.....	48 05
S. Foster, for glass.....	6 00
L. Osborne, for mason work	11 50
	$509 14

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID

Elisha Coleman,	$30 00	George B. Hayden,	$54 00
Benjamin Jacobs,	52 00	Mary Spencer,	48 00
Thomas Mee,	96 00	John Lewis,	54 00
Charles D. Barnard,	72 00	Betsey B. Sylvester,	48 00
James Thompson,	168 00	Hannah Dover,	48 00
Ruth B. Foster,	20 00	David Stoddard,	36 00
Matilda B. Stoddard,	64 00	Joseph E. Stoddard,	13 50
George Studley,	26 00	Christiana Benson,	20 00
C. H. Totman, "Guardian,"	48 00	Lydia J. Wilder,	72 00
E. T. Fogg, "Guardian,"	48 00		
Sarah L. Prouty, "Guardian,"	48 00		$1,065 50

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Received for Antiquarian Supper	$4 00
from Knox and Leon	8 00
First Parish	4 00
Abington Club	12 50
Willard Torrey	2 00
E. Sands	2 50
Tilden Brothers	16 00
J. W. Brown	4 00
Ladies' Sewing Society	8 00
Marshfield Club	3 50
Webster Club	8 00
Dramatic Club	4 00
Post 112	6 00
J. C. Nash & Co	8 00
Steadfast Lodge	29 76
	$120 26

Dr.

S. Foster, for wax, &c	$6 42
E. Hatch, for carpenter's work	8 00
George K. Cushing, for wood	9 00
S. Benson, for commissions	5 50
Paid for oil, $7.72; brooms, $1.63	9 35
Chimneys, $3 95; wicks, .54	4 49
A. J. Litchfield, for letting hall	1 00
	$43 76
Balance in favor of Hall	$76 50

REPORT ON GUIDE BOARDS.

We would recommend that one be erected near the corner of Main and River streets, to replace the one lately blown down.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Avery & Doten, for printing town reports	$82 00
S. F. Tower, for repairs on hearse	54 00
Quincy Mutual Ins. Company, for assessment	25 20
Little, Brown & Co., for law book	3 00
Society for prevention of cruelty to animals, vote of town	20 00
Thomas Sables, for cementing and painting pump on Main street	7 00
Post 112, for decoration day, vote of town	50 00
Amount carried forward	$241 20

Amount brought forward	$241 20
Chas. A. Litchfield, for material, and cash paid for labor at town landing	32 65
Treasurer of Marshfield, for repairs at Union bridge	74 12
Joseph Easterbrook, advertising Assessors' notices	3 00
William Prouty, for land to widen Oak street	85 00
Harris & Tucker, for professional services to date	100 00
Elisha Jacobs, for examination of Treasurer's books	2 00
Foster's Express, for expressage, printing, &c	28 58
J. F. Farmer, for printing town orders	5 00
Perez Simmons, for professional services to May 1st	28 16
Brewer & Tileston, for school books, 1872	61 10
J. B. Tabor, for school books	25 50
W. G. Shattuck, for school furniture, 1872	14 06
Duxbury & Cohasset R. R., for freight	1 30
Thompson, Brown & Co., for school books, 1872,	23 69
Richmond Farrar, services as committee on roads	7 50
Willard Torrey, services as committee on roads	7 50
William Hatch, services as committee on roads	7 50
Thompson, Brown & Co., for school books,	103 48
A. C. Stockin, for school books	2 40
J. B. Tabor, for maps for use of schools	10 50
Joseph Merritt, 2d, for repairs on gate at cemetery	1 25
J. Torrey, for soap, 1872	9 95
E. T. Fogg, for postage and stationery	8 27
Edward Stowell, for expenses and cash paid for Jas. Thompson	25 00
	$908 71

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

Paid—

Corn, meal and oats, 176 bushels	$143 30
Flour, 10 bbls., $118 45; spices, $2 20	120 65
Garden seeds, $2 19; crockery, $3 18; meat, $15 34	20 71
Tripe, $1 64; fish and clams, $14 16; furniture, $20 75	36 55
Apples, $3 53; salt, $3 85; lard, $1 56; stove, $6 00	14 94
Rice, .89; hod, .90; bedding, $5 00; farming tools, .56	7 35
Boots and shoes, $3 85; repairs on same, $1 00	4 85
Matches, $2 88; coffee, $3 09; raisins, $2 62	8 59
Snuff and tobacco, $10 39; extracts, $1 44; hay rack, $5 25	17 08
Soda, starch, rosin, medicines, and paint	10 20
Vegetables, $7 37; oil, $13 98; straw, $12 31	33 66
Cheese, $3 96; crackers, $5 89; filing saws, $1 15	11 00
Repairs on harness, $1 05; use of cider mill, $1 25	2 30
Dry goods, $20 27; chimneys, $3 90; swine, $26 70	50 87
House paper, $3 34; butchering, $1 00; ploughing, $4 00	8 34
Horse covering, $1 50; tea, $9 85; moll, $6 08	17 43
Seth Foster, for stove, pipe, and expressage	11 15
Clothing, $15 50; sundries, $10 44; coal, $4 20	30 14
E. T. Fogg, for standing wood	45 00
Dr. N. P. Brownell, for medical attendance	16 00
J. H. Corthell and others, for meat	177 86
Amount carried forward	$787 47

Amount brought forward	$787 47
Repairs on wagons, $4 50; cutting wood, $12 00	16 50
E. H. Bonney, for coal	48 71
Butter, $27 52; sugar, $53 53	81 05
Stove polish, rye meal, and vinegar	1 55
Stephen Benson, as superintendent	270 86
	$1,206 64

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received for hay, $11.08; poultry, $1.00	$12 08
Pig, $5.00; calf, $10.80	15 80
Use of hearse out of town	6 75
Horse hire	4 25
Hay cutter, $5.00; hay rack, $2.00	7 00
Meals and lodgings	58 89
Articles on hand more than last year, consisting of stoves, furniture, wood, coal, &c	100 00
Due from J. J. Peterson for board	14 30
Number of vagrants, 19; cost of keeping the same	35 00
Board of 6 23-24 paupers, at $2.66 per week	952 57
	$1,206 64

The following persons are now in the Almshouse.

John Woodward,	admitted 1864.	Nancy Damon,	admitted 1867.
Siba Briggs,	" 1858.	Sarah Totman,	" 1869.
Jefferson Damon,	" 1863.	Jeremiah Gunderway,	" 1871

Admitted during the Year.

Hannah Bowker.

Discharged during the Year.

Mary Williams. Hannah Bowker.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid James B. Tabor, for services as School Committee,	$40 35
Chas. A. Litchfield, for services as School Committee	25 00
Lucy Turner, for services as School Committee	30 75
C. W. Sparrell, for warning town meetings	16 00
C. W. Sparrell, for warning town officers	5 00
C. W. Sparrell, for returning deaths to Town Clerk,	10 25
E. T. Fogg, for registering marriages, births, and deaths	24 35
Chas. A. Litchfield, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor	134 00
Edward Stowell, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor	146 00
Thomas B. Waterman, for services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor	80 00
E. T. Fogg, for extra services as Town Clerk	3 00
	$514 70

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid—		Paid—	
R. V. C. Turner,	$28 20	William Hatch,	$15 90
George Sylvester,	15 60	Isaac Burrill,	65 60
Ansel G. Groce,	40 97	Horace Griggs,	16 20
Richard P. Briggs,	63 15	George O. Torrey,	11 25
Sylvanus Clapp,	24 30	Samuel Loring,	34 94
Abel A. Vinal,	8 75	Seth Thomas,	26 70
Liba Litchfield,	36 86	Walter Simmons,	30 90
Piam Jacobs,	14 50	Benjamin Jacobs,	16 74
David W. Studley,	12 50		
Abner Stetson,	94 65		$557 71

ASSISTANCE RENDERED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

City of Boston, for burial of J. Westover Damon		$10 00
Ansel G. Groce, for board of Sarah Totman		12 50
City of Charlestown, for supplies to Hoyt family, "small pox case"		33 00
City of Taunton, for supplies to A. T. Clapp and family,		28 87
Massachusetts Hospital for medical attendance and board of Catharine G. Mee and child		32 00
C. W. Sparrell, for coffin for child of S. Prince		9 00
B. W. Jacobs, for house rent for Mrs. Mee		10 00
N. B. Sylvester, for opening grave for child of S. Prince,		2 00
Town of Weymouth, for supplies to John Stoddard and family		17 53
State Lunatic Hospital, for board of Patrick Monahon, 9 months		145 95
Town of Hanover, for supplies to Benj. F. Lee, "small pox case"		49 00
State Lunatic Hospital, for board of Lydia Gunderway, 9 months		146 78
Supplies to Mary Monahon and family		180 14
Supplies to Hewitt Baker and family		102 00
Supplies to Charles Sylvester		5 99
Supplies to James Thompson and family		94 25
Supplies to Alice Brooker		52 00
Supplies to Joseph B. Bowker and family		20 82
Town of Pembroke, for supplies to E. B. Howland and family		84 48
		$1,036 31
Received and due from town of Marshfield	$11 00	
from State for Alice Brooker	52 00	
from Pembroke for Hewitt Baker	102 00	
		$165 00
Total expense to the Town		$871 31

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Valuation as taken by the Assessors, May 1, 1873.

Valuation of real estate	$634,985 00
Personal estate	259,199 00
Total valuation	$894,184 00

Rate of taxation, $16.00 on $1,000.00.

Number of Polls, 463.

Total Tax for State, County, and Town Purposes.

State tax	$1,710 00
County tax	1,272 79
Poor and incidental	6,000 00
Schools	4,000 00
Highways	2,000 00
Overlayings	250 16
School books	12 15
Amount placed in hands of Collector	$15,245 10

Statistics.

Acres of land taxed	12,020
Horses	262
Cows	258
Sheep	24
Dwelling houses	351

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Patrick Monahon,	1871, '72,	$7 38	A. R. Griggs,	1872,	$2 70
W. H. Farrar,	1870,	8 75	J. Southworth,	"	2 70
Howard Litchfield,	1872,	2 70	L. S. Cazneau,	"	3 44
Leander Osborne,	"	4 65	Joseph Harvey,	"	3 44
C. H. Smith,	"	2 70	R. C. Knapp,	"	2 70
C. A. Farrar,	"	3 44	E. M. Magoun,	"	2 70
E. A. Jacobs,	"	2 70	E. W. Spurr,	"	2 70
Charles Leroy,	"	2 70	C. A. Foster,	"	7 68
W. T. Slayson,	"	74	Jacob Vinal, est.,	"	30
J. E. Church,	"	3 44	W. Henderson, est.,	"	25
J. L. Hunt,	"	3 44	Nathaniel Turner,	1873,	6 78
Marcus M. French,	"	40			
Eleanor Wright, est.,	"	1 71			$85 25
E. L. Hyland,	1871,	5 11			

We would suggest the following estimates, and recommend that the amounts be raised by taxation the present year:

For repairs on highways	$2,000 00
Schools	2,500 00
New roads and extra repairs	1,500 00
Poor and incidental	3,000 00
	$9,000 00

The above estimates, in our opinion, will meet the current expenses of the Town the ensuing year, and will reduce the rate of taxation to about $1.23 on $100.00.

LIST OF JURORS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REVISION BY THE TOWN.

Seth H. Vinal,
Samuel Waters,
William Hatch,
Franklin Jacobs,
William B. Pratt,
Andrew J. Litchfield,
Ansel G. Groce,
Peleg Curtis,

Horace Griggs,
James House,
William S. Winslow,
George E. Jacobs,
Joseph H. Curtis,
Cummings Litchfield,
Walter Simmons,
Richard P. Briggs,
Joshua B. Reed,
Samuel Tolman,
Benjamin P. Foster,
Thomas J. Studley,
Loring Jacobs,
George Stearnes,
John H. Jones,
E. T. Fogg,
David T. Stoddard,
John C. Nash,
Samuel Turner,
John S. Barker,
Coleman Ford,
George H. Torrey.

RECAPITULATION.

Repairs on highways	$2,204 23
Removing snow	557 71
Extra repairs on highways	356 39
Gravel	129 54
State Aid	1,065 50
Repairs on school houses	142 85
Schools	2,809 06
Town Officers	514 70
Incidentals	908 71
Abatement of taxes	85 25
Supplies for almshouse	1,206 64
Supplies out of almshouse	871 31
Repairs on almshouse	509 14
State and county tax	2,982 79
	$14,334 82

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes in favor South Scituate Savings Bank	$2,957 00
Ephraim Otis	1,000 00
Joseph T. Litchfield	725 00
C. W. Sylvester	470 00
H. T. Sylvester	200 00
Michael Ford	1,025 00
Ebenezer Stetson	2 0 00
J. C. Tolman	300 00
R. V. C. Turner	575 00
Nathaniel Turner	300 00
Interest due on the above notes	150 00
Estimated amount due the several schools	925 00
Bills outstanding, estimated	400 00
	$9,227 00

Resources.

Outstanding taxes	$3,651 99
Cash	2,536 73
State Treasurer for State Aid	1,365 50
Due from Hanover for supplies to Mrs. Henderson	44 67
Marshfield for supplies to child of S. Prince	2 00
County Treasurer, for school fund, estimated,	140 00
	$7,740 89

Balance against the town $1,486 11

Decrease of debt from last year, $4,945.82.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS B. WATERMAN, } *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE IN ACCOUNT WITH E. T. FOGG, TREASURER.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance due the Town on settlement of March 1, 1873	$3,287 42	By cash paid on Town allowances and orders,	$11,112 58
cash received on notes	2,950 00	State tax	1,710 00
sale of grass on flats	47 00	County tax	1,272 79
cash received for pedlars' licenses	12 00	Scituate tax	15 23
cash received for sale of old lumber	13 00	Discount for prompt payment of taxes	351 65
balance of corporation tax of 1872	245 32	By cash paid on notes and interest	5,530 86
cash received from Town of Marshfield, supplies to poor	9 00	Treasurer's salary	100 00
of State Treasurer, for State aid	1,093 00	taxes outstanding	3,651 99
of State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,137 36	cash on hand	2,536 73
of State Treasurer, Nat. Bank tax	1,529 10		
for sale of school books	147 14		
for interest on taxes of 1872	116 35		
for income of Mass. school fund	153 96		
for board of Eunice Damon	148 64		
of State Treasurer, supplies to pauper	52 00		
for use Town Hall	77 92		
from Town of Pembroke, support of paupers	17 52		
assessment of 1873	15,245 10		
	$26,281 83		$26,281 83

The undersigned, a committee to settle with the Treasurer for the year ending January 31, 1874, find the above account correct, and satisfactorily vouched.

CHAS. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS. B. WATERMAN.

South Scituate, Jan. 31, 1874.

MARRIAGES IN 1873.

January 30. William C. Lapham and Adeline J. Sprague, both of Marshfield. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

February 27. Edgar F. Poole, of Hingham, and Martha W. Young, of South Scituate. By Rev. A. G. Jennings.

April 6. Charles P. Turner, of Hanover, and Carro I. Cushing, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

April 8. Seth Foster, of South Scituate, and Evelina B. Lincoln, of Boston. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

April 19. Henry H. Bowker and Mary C. Merritt, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Andrew Reade.

May 4. Alonzo C. Sylvester and Hannah C. Talbot, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

May 22. Edwin C. Litchfield, of Scituate, and Mary F. Whitcomb, of Cohasset. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

May 26. Charles A. Lincoln and Mary A. Henderson, both of South Scituate. By Rev. James B. Tabor.

June 11. Alvin D. Vinal and Lucy I. Litchfield, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Josiah Moore.

June 14. Arthur B. Chamberlain and Mary A. Smith, both of South Scituate. By Rev. James B. Tabor.

July 10. Andrew J. Litchfield, of South Scituate, and Deborah N. Merritt, of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

August 9. Michael Lynch and Bridget Farrell, both of South Scituate. By Peter J. Leddy.

October 7. William H. Daniels, of Milford, and Mary L. Nash, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

November 27. Caleb D. Litchfield, of South Scituate, and Lourana Bates, of Cohasset. By Aaron Pratt, Esq.

November 29. Thomas Parkinson and Ella C. Stetson, both of South Scituate. By Rev. George H. Bates.

November 29. Philip Tilden and Lottie Worrall, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

December 8. Charles D. Cushing, of Hingham, and Irene M. Rose, of Hanover. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

December 12. Otis Delano, of Duxbury, and Lizzie F. Osborne, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

December 26. Charles H. Damon and Helen M. Farrington, both of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

Whole number of marriages registered in 1873.....19

Births Registered in 1873.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 17,	George Henry Wilder.....	George A. and Paumelia.
Jan. 20,	Annie Caroline Damon,.....	Josiah A. and Annie R.
Jan. 28,	Edith F. Clapp,.....	James F. and Lucy L.
Feb. 4,	Wilber Thomas Jones,.....	Marcullus and Julia M.
Feb. 23,	Georgianna M. Leavitt,.....	Jarius and Georgianna M.
Feb. 24,	James F. Gardner,.....	John D. and Bethia C.
Mar. 4,	Elizabeth Rose,.....	William and Jane,
Mar. 11,	Addie F. Litchfield,.....	Joseph S. and Annie.
Mar. 17,	Henry Jackson Tolman,.....	William C., Jr. and Ellen.
Mar. 19,	Edwin P. French,.....	Edwin W. and Emily.
Mar. 22,	Grace Loring Tilden,.....	Charles W. and Emma F.
Apr. 14,	Edna May Damon,.....	James E. and Hannah M.
June 1,	Carrie Frances Pierce.....	John A. and Caroline S.
June 27,	Eva H. Vinal,.....	William R. and Mary E.
July 1,	——— Greene, ...	James and Bridget.
July 7,	Mary Grey Colman,.....	Elisha F. and Abby F.
July 10,	Walter R. Litchfield,.....	Charles F. and Mercy S.
July 13,	Carrie W. Gardner,.....	Edwin and Emma D.
July 21,	George Osborn,.....	Albert and Hannah.
July 27,	David Warren Stockbridge,....	Andrew and Anna M.
Aug. 2,	Ida Maria Patterson,.....	James H. and Adeline B.
Aug. 2,	Alice Maria Leslie,.....	Patrick and Mary.
Sept. 20,	George F. Ford,.....	Joseph F. and Lucy.
Nov. 9,	——— Sprague, ...	Amos W. and Emily A.
Nov. 16,	John Joseph Sculley,.....	Charles and Annie.
Nov. 20,	Florence Maria Greene,.....	Andrew N. and Adeline L.
Dec. 14,	——— Richardson,.....	William H. and Flora L.
Dec. 14,	——— Litchfield,.....	Caleb D. and Lourana.
Dec. 15,	Lizzie Josephine French,.....	Charles H. and Ada F.
Dec. 22,	William D. Litchfield,.....	Henry and Julia M.
Dec. 22,	Adella F. Nichols,.....	Wilber and Hattie P.

Deaths Registered in South Scituate, 1873.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE.	BIRTHPLACE
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days		
Jan. 2.	Jonathan Merritt,.....	78	–	–	Apoplexy.	Scituate.
Jan. 12,	David Damon,.....	57	–	–	Consumption	So. Scituate
Jan. 13,	Edward W. Spurr,.....	29	2	–	Consumption	Boston.
Jan. 18,	M. Edith Bates,.....	5	4	12	Diabetes.	So. Scituate
Feb. 13,	Albert S. Litchfield,.....	31	–	–	Paralysis.	Scituate.
Feb. 25,	Richard S. Fitts,.....	–	9	–	Teething.	So. Scituate
Mar. 10,	Rachel Jenkins,.....	85	5	10	Old Age.	Bath, Me.
Mar. 30,	Mary E. Prince,.....	1	–	–	Cong. Brain.	So. Scituate
Apr. 3,	Cyrus Stoddard,.....	85	11	28	Dropsy.	So. Scituate
Apr. 14,	W. J. Connolly.....	14	–	–	Consumption	P. E. Island
Apr. 29,	Nathaniel Brooks.....	77	–	–	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
May 6,	Samuel Tolman.....	87	9	–	Old Age.	So. Scituate
May 4,	Edwin P. French.....	–	1	15	Influenza.	So. Scituate
May 30,	Robert C. Knapp.....	35	–	–	Consumption	So. Scituate
May 30.	Sally C. Pincin.....	75	8	–	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
June 1,	Charles T. Sylvester.....	26	5	–	Pneumonia.	So. Scituate
June 4,	William J. Kender.....	86	–	–	Old Age.	Duxbury.
June 9,	Lydia J. Wilder.....	49	11	10	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
June 23,	Thomas B. Greene.....	63	2	–	Paralysis.	N. Bedford.
June 27,	Alfred C. Winslow.....	5	8	–	Consumption	So. Scituate
June 28,	Esther Turner.....	94	11	22	Old Age.	So. Scituate
July 7,	——— Greene.....	–	–	7	Fits.	So. Scituate
July 25,	Billings Litchfield.....	74	10	–	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
July 27,	Joseph Stockbridge.....	67	4	–	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
July 31,	Lucy W. Jacobs.....	54	3	–	Consumption	Hanover.
Aug. 2,	James F. Gardner.....	–	5	9	Cholera Infantum.	So. Scituate

Deaths Registered in South Scituate.—[Continued.]

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE.	BIRTHPLACE
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days		
Aug. 7,	Wilber T. Jones	–	6	–	Dysentery.	So. Scituate
Aug. 11,	George Osborn	–	–	21	Canker.	So. Scituate
Aug. 17,	Matilda B. Stoddard	77	4	–	Dysentery.	So. Scituate
Aug. 24,	Eveline Prince	1	4	–	Cholera Infantum.	Abington.
Sept. 21,	Henry F. Stoddard	26	7	–	Accidental.	So. Scituate
Sept. 28,	Patty Sylvester	76	–	–	Heart Disease.	So. Scituate
Sept. 30,	Eva H. Vinal	–	3	3	Cholera Infantum.	So. Scituate
Oct. 10,	Martha Turner	47	–	–	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
Oct. 10,	Sally Randall	84	–	–	Old Age.	Hingham.
Oct. 17,	Hittie Curtis	87	1	14	Old Age.	So. Scitnate
Nov. 3,	Harriet Bates	62	–	–	Cancer.	Scituate.
Dec. 1,	Alevena B. Gardner	20	1	16	Consumption	So. Scituate
Dec. 24,	James Thompson	49	–	–	Chronic Diarhœa.	
Dec. 27,	Stephen Clapp	49	–	–	Bright's Kidney Disease	So. Scituate

Whole number of deaths registered in 1873 40

Number of deaths of persons over 70 years of age 13
Number of deaths of persons between 50 and 70 5
Number of deaths of persons between 30 and 50 6
Number of deaths of persons between 10 and 30 5
Number of deaths of persons under 10 years of age .. 11

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

Town of South Scituate,

—FOR THE—

School Year 1873--4.

REPORT.

The facts connected with the working of our schools during the current year, indicate, in a maority of the districts, very good methods of government and instruction and a fair degree of success. In a few instances the good promises of last year have been possibly more than realized. In other cases the energy and enterprise that always characterize the best teachers may have been wanting in some measure, and, as a consequence, the proficiency of the scholars falls below the possible and probable, because efficient aids to progress remain untouched. In two districts, by reason of an unfortunate choice of teachers, together with kindred causes, the fair success apparent at the beginning of the Fall term became quite the reverse at the close. But with these exceptions our Fall examinations, which were, perhap s unusually careful, proved the scholars to be in a

good working condition with a creditable understanding of the various subjects taken up during the time covered by the exercises.

To speak of the schools more particularly, the one in District No. 5 sustained the best examination. The methods of instruction employed in this school, much the same as those used in No. 1, and perhaps in one or two others, commend themselves alike to teachers and parents, as approximating the style of teaching employed in the most successful schools of the country. If in No. 1 the larger class did not reach its usual standard of excellence in the examination, the smaller scholars certainly acquitted themselves with great credit. This school has been steadily improving ever since it came under the management of the present teacher, and is doubtless in a better condition now than it has been for a long time. The appearance of No. 2 was excellent, and the examination was very satisfactory. No. 3, steadily improved during the Summer and Fall, and at the examination its condition and appearance were certainly very pleasing. During the Summer the school in No. 4 was quite successful, but, for various reasons, it seemed advisable to make a change of teachers at the close of the term. Another teacher was obtained for the Fall term and the school commenced with every prospect of success; but as the term advanced, the teacher lost control of the school

and the examination was far from satisfactory. Nos. 5 and 6 were quite successful throughout both terms, but No. 7, although doing well during the Summer and commencing the Fall term in good condition, followed the same course as No. 4 with a similar result.

Of the Winter (present) term, we can say full better things than of either of the others. Nos. 4 and 7, are retrieving their reputation rapidly, as both are highly successful. Some of our old teachers are employing more energy and skill than ever before in their school-room work, and the results cannot be other than beneficial to all concerned. To the best of our knowledge and belief, all of our scholars at the time of writing are in a very satisfactory condition. But to this declaration of satisfaction possibly we ought to make an exception,—an exception relative to passing scholars into books, and permitting them to take up subject for which they are not qualified.

In many or all of our schools there are classes or scholars using books or pursuing studies for which they are not sufficiently advanced. We find scholars in the Second Reader who cannot read well in the First, and others in the Third, who ought to remain another Fall term, at least, in the Second. And, taking a wider range of illustration, scholars try to explain the intricacies of the English language two years before they ought to look into a Grammar

or vex themselves with a fruitless attempt to comprehend Interest, Square Root or the Progressions before they know anything about simple fractions, if indeed they have any true knowledge of the first principles of Arithmetic. Very many classes have one or more of these scholars—just enough to destroy the interest of the others, or spoil the perfection of recitations—and yet no one has the heart to put them back where they belong because of the discouraging effect upon the scholars themselves, and they are frequently in need of every inducement to keep them along at all. But the subject becomes even more serious when we consider whether it is truly just or beneficial to any one to keep these pupils in places for which they are not fitted. While they will undoubtedly learn something, these scholars certainly work at a great disadvantage, and, as to making the best of their time and opportunities, the classes to which they belong must be kept back for them, causing great dissatisfaction among their classmates and parents, or their best efforts will, in a great measure, prove worthless.

The causes that lead to this condition of things are various. One is the absence of an appreciative knowledge of the acquirements of the pupil, and, consequently, urging or permitting the purchase of a new book, whereas the whole attention should have been turned backward to a careful review o

the old one. Another course lies in the fact that some children, when first sent to school, are supplied with books much too difficult for their use—the purchase being made more in accordance to their age or size than with their needs—for the reason that they feel ashamed to be classed with the little boys and girls, who are fully their equals in scholarship. But this feeling of shame is a feeling of false shame and ought not to decide the selection of books. The only honor received by a scholar as the member of any class, consists in being a good member of that class. And farther than this, differences in teachers make great differences in the attainments of pupils. The facts are clear and the conclusions cannot be avoided. Two teachers having pupils of the same ability, as far as human eye can see, will produce entirely different results. With one, the classes and individual scholars will pass rapidly over subjects and books and seem to be making famous progress, when a close questioning will reveal the unwelcome fact that they have been so high "over" their studies that they know but little about them. With the other teacher, the scholars go "through" every subject they take up and are not permitted to leave it until they have completely mastered it, *and not only know it, but know that they know it.* The one teacher is perfectly satisfied if her scholars have learned the printed questions and answers, and in-

structs them to rest their reason on the printed rules: while the other takes the substance of all this and uses every other means within her reach to assist her scholars to look through and beyond these rules, to understand the principles on which they rest, and to develop their reasoning faculties and powers of comprehension, rather than burden their memories with what they are sure to forget. It is easy to see how under the management of the first mentioned teacher scholars drift into positions for which they are not prepared: and it is also easy to see which teacher will work for the best interests of her scholars, although she may seem to "make haste slowly."

And relative to school teaching, we would say a word to those in our schools, and out of them, who desire to obtain schools. It is not sufficient for you to understand all the subjects that are taught in our common schools in order to become good teachers. Much more is requisite. You must not only possess the knowledge and the ability to govern, but you must also possess the ability to impart that knowledge to others in an attractive and yet in an impressive manner. Teaching is becoming more of a science every year, and the best teachers are those who keep abreast of the times and are able to use every known instrumentality, certainly every one

within their reach, to make their work effective. To make the most of themselves, teachers must be trained to their work—to teaching—as one is trained to a trade or to any of the professions. Those who are thus trained, other qualifications being equal, have the preference, in the majority of Committees, over those who have received no such instruction, in the selection of teachers. And as the number of these teachers is increasing every year, we would most emphatically advise all who desire to teach in our town or elsewhere, to take advantage of the opportunities so generously offered by our State, in her Normal Schools, and fit themselves to work successfully and secure good situations, before they make a beginning

We note, as an indication favorable to the greater usefulness of our schools, the efforts made by many of our teachers and pupils to do away with unnecessary absenteeism. We give a list of those in each District who have not been absent during the several terms of a year—taking into the time the Winter term of last, and the Summer and Fall terms of the present school year.

NOT ABSENT FOR ONE YEAR.

No. 1, Mary E. Cowing. No. 5, Nellie H. Fogg, Mary E. Sparrell. No. 6 John Monahon. No. 7, Angela B. Ford, Chauncy D. Ford.

NOT ABSENT FOR TWO TERMS.

No. 1, Helen J. Cowing, Inez A. Loring, Alice M. Simmons, Frank A. Prouty. No. 2, Frank W. Jones. No. 5, Lizzie W. Corthell, Lettie W. Sylvester, Albert L. Sparrell, C. Walter Sparrell. No. 6, Hannah F. Jacobs, Annie Turner, Willie Tuner. No. 7, Hattie Tolman, Maria Tolman.

NOT ABSENT FOR ONE TERM.

No. 1, Carrie E. Simmons, Emma B. Poole, Mabel Welch, Georgie Cowing H. Clinton Gardner, Allie Thomas, John C. Wilder. No. 2, Jennie W. Brooks, Carrie A. Damon, Mary L. Wilder, Mellie P. Stevens, Etta M. Stoddard, Walter S. Bailey, Henry B. Jacobs, Freddie B. Jacobs, E. Everette Jacobs, J. Alvah Stoddard. No. 3, Virginia Lincoln, Hattie M. Simmons, Willie Richardson, Leonard Richardson, Jessie F. Damon, George Farrar. No. 4, Mary S. Brown, Charles W. Brown, Louis Ellms, Freddie M. Curtis, Willie H. Hayden, Georgo R. Hayden, Willie H. Clapp. No. 5, Sarah L. Bowker, Nellie E. Lawrence, Mary L. Nash, Mabel R. Hatch, Bennie T. Fogg, Willie F. Lawrence, N. Nelson Brooks, Walter R. Brooks, George E. Torrey, Jimmie Leslie, Howard C. Torrey, Harry S. Merritt. No. 6, Mary A. Jacobs, Annie Nichols. Lizzie M. Turner, Frank Turner, George B. Totman. No. 7, Florence Church, Lizzie Barker, Isa Capell, Lucy B. Clark, Hattie Vinal, Susie D. Litchfield, Velma Stetson, Elvena Currell, Chester S. Bowker, Eddie Litchfield, Frank D. Stetson, Gustavus F. Tolman.

This Roll of Honor looks very well for the first year of its publication, particularly as its formation has had the effect of keeping many scholars steadily at school who have hitherto been very irregular in their attendance. Quite a number whose names do not appear have striven faithfully for this honorable mention, and have only failed, perhaps in the last days of the term, because of illness or unavoidable accident. But let them not be discouraged, If they have not obtained all they sought, and their names are not printed, they have surely obtained much by

their increased care and diligence that is of more abiding value. And, farther than this, other years are coming, and, consequently, other Reports, wherein we hope the number of those not absent during the year will become larger, and still larger, until nothing save positive ill health will be able to keep the scholars from their places in the school-room during the hours for study. Then the terrible evils of absenteeism that have been mentioned so many times, and still need to be remembered, will have become a record of the past instead of a disagreeable reality.

Another fact which we mention with pleasure is, that in some of our Districts our Registers show that many of the parents have visited the schools during the year. This is as it should be; let the number increase. Our schools are worthy of attention and careful consideration. Several of them are competent to give their scholars a good, practical common school education, fitting them very well for the ordinary business transactions of life. But there is still room for improvement. Our best teachers declare their inability to do full justice to the scholars entrusted to their charge, because of the great, and seemingly unavoidable, number of classes, and call to mind again that long considered project — some system of grading. It has been suggested by many — and the suggestion is a good one — that these larger schools be divided and assistant teachers employed; but our schools houses, with a single exception, are not suitable for this

purpose—and, at present, the suggestion is impracticable. The subject appeals to our further and careful attention. Let us not neglect the needs of our school, nor forget their benefits. Let us, rather, be generous toward them as the foundation of our common intelligence, as the pride and a source of the power of our Commonwealth, and the living basis of our national existence, growth, and prosperity.

This Report is respectfully submitted to the citizens of the town for their consideration.

JAMES B. TABOR.
CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
LUCY TURNER.

South Scituate, Feb. 3d, 1874.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

No. of School.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Wages per month.	Sum'r Term.		Fall Term.		Fall Term.
			Whole No. registered.	Average attendance.	Whole No. registered.	Average attendance.	Whole No. registered.
1	Rebecca C. Brooks, -	$40 00	47	40	48	40	49
2	Maria Jacobs. - -	40 00	53	45	49	38	43
3	Anna Tolman. -	38 00	35	26	35	26	35
	Mary Scollard. -	40 00	–	–	–	–	–
4	Jennie M. Currel. Annie E. Williamson Emily S. Brown.	36 00	29	24	31	25	32
5	Martha W. Brooks. -	40 00	45	38	41	34	44
6	Mary L. Ells. Mary L. Lincoln.	40 00	27	24	27	23	27
7	Josephine M. Hatch Almira S. Thomas. Lilla M. Means.	40 00	48	41	52	44	50

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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of South Scituate,

FOR THE

Year ending Feb. 1, 1875,

EMBRACING THOSE OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Surveyors of Highways, Town Clerk, and School Committee.

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TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE.

In Town Meeting, March 2d, 1874.

VOTED:—That a Financial Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Town for the year ensuing be published in the month of February next; also, a list of the taxes.

Attest: E. T. FOGG, *Town Clerk.*

Report of the Selectmen.

Statement of the expenditures and receipts of the Town of South Scituate for the year ending February 1st, 1875:

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor — East Ward:

Benjamin P. Foster,	$220 37	Thomas Stoddard,	$40 25
Nathan Sylvester,	47 24	John Kehoe,	49 87
N. B. Sylvester,	29 75	N. H. Bowker,	25 37
William Sylvester,	144 75	Charles Sylvester,	17 50
David Stoddard,	41 12	Gideon Ford,	34 12
George Sylvester,	15 75	John Stockbridge,	3 00
Fred Benson,	8 25		
Joseph Merritt,	51 25		$728 59

BENJAMIN P. FOSTER, *Surveyor.*

The following named persons have received the sums set against their names for labor — South Ward:

Josiah Stoddard,	$181 70	George W. Stetson,	$5 25
Abner Stetson,	55 37	Mathew Stetson,	57 07
Elijah Barstow,	16 00	J. S. Barker,	19 69
Elias Pratt,	16 00	Newton Gardner,	14 00
W. C. Tolman,	14 00	Jack Enols,	32 81
S. C. Cudworth,	17 50	John McCurdy,	32 81
Henry A. Turner,	20 67	C. Cromwell,	2 00
Frank Stetson,	1 75	Heman Damon,	5 25
T. C. Sampson,	21 43	Daniel McCarty,	14 87
Bradford Stetson,	3 75	S. Gunderway,	3 75
Alonzo Sylvester,	1 75	John Beal,	2 63
Charles Currell,	1 50	Philip Foster,	5 00
Warren Briggs,	3 50		
Waters Barker,	1 75		$568 42
Peter Hartt,	16 62		

JOSIAH STODDARD, *Surveyor.*

The several sums have been paid to the following named persons for labor — West Ward:

R. P. Briggs,	$188 00	J. S. Clapp,	$27 13
W. S. Briggs,	50 00	Stephen Bowker,	4 50
Morris Gammon,	58 00	James I. Sears,	30 00
Joseph Bowker,	49 00	Luther C. Bailey,	31 00
John Clapp,	8 00	Elias V. Raymond,	4 00
Benjamin Jacobs,	8 00	Walter Simmons,	59 50
Israel Vining,	17 50	H. Penniman,	1 50
B. Barnes,	3 50	Thomas Jones,	2 63
J. G. Briggs,	2 63	L. Damon,	10 00
Marcellus Jones,	2 63	G. Barrell,	3 75
W. Damon,	3 00	Piam Jacobs,	20 00
Loring Jacobs,	28 25	John Turner,	2 00
E. Gammon,	12 00		
David Bailey,	13 22		$689 74
Benjamin Barrell,	50 00		

R. P. Briggs, *Surveyor.*

The following sums have been paid for gravel:

South Ward, Josiah Stoddard	$44 58
East Ward, B. P. Foster	31 74
West Ward, R. P. Briggs	19 28
	$95 60

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide posts, with suitable boards attached, are erected in all places where needed in town.

SPECIAL REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

R. P. Briggs, for building new road and repairs of old one, as ordered by County Commissioners, under petition of J. H. Curtis and others	$1,050 00
Paid for setting posts and drain pipe	16 00
F. H. Curtis, for lumber and labor, railing bridge	9 76
	$1,075 76

Henry M. Stetson, for repairs of High Street, as per order of Commissioners, under petition of Charles Groce and others	$493 00
Boston Sewer & Drain Pipe Co., for pipe	46 35
Marcus M. Gardner, freight on drain pipe	10 60
Curtis Bros. & Co., for gravel	12 00
	$561 95

Day & Collins, for drain pipe near almshouse	$15 53
Day & Collins, for drain pipe on River Street	12 00
Day & Collins, for drain pipe on Main Street	13 00
Duxbury & Cohasset R. R., for freight	5 07
Joseph Merritt, gratings for drains	5 08
	$50 68

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Rebecca C. Brooks, for teaching, 36 weeks	$360 00
J. H. Prouty, making fires	3 00
J. H. Prouty, for wood and fitting	31 11
Alice M. Simmons, as assistant teacher	9 00
	$403 11

District No. 2.

Maria Jacobs, for teaching, 37 weeks	$370 00
Leander Damon, for making fires	3 00
Simeon Damon, for wood	21 50
	$394 50

District No. 3.

Mary Scollard, for teaching, 12 weeks	$120 00
Deborah N. Hatch, for teaching, 24 weeks	216 00
E. W. Sprague, for making fires	3 00
Freeman Damon, for wood and fitting	22 64
	$361 64

District No. 4.

Emily S. Brown, for teaching, 37 weeks	$333 00
C. A. Litchfield, for wood and fitting	24 50
F. M. Curtis, for making fires	3 00
	$360 50

District No. 5.

Martha W. Brooks, for teaching, 29 weeks	$290 00
Emeline Briggs, for teaching, 8 weeks	80 00
C. H. Lawrence, for making fires	3 00
Harvey T. Sylvester, for wood	18 25
N. B. Sylvester, for fitting wood	7 00
	$398 25

District No. 6.

Mary M. Lincoln, for teaching, 12 weeks	$120 00
Mary L. Ells, for teaching, 24 weeks	216 00
J. Green, for making fires	3 00
B. W. Jacobs, for wood and fitting	20 95
	$359 95

District No. 7.

Lillia M. Means, for teaching, 10 weeks	$100 00
Mary L. Ells, for teaching, 3 weeks	30 00
Marianna Holbrook, for teaching, 12 weeks	120 00
Emeline Briggs, for teaching, 12 weeks	120 00
B. P. Stetson, making fires	3 00
George P. Clapp, for wood and coal	42 40
	$415 40

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

District No. 1.

J. H. Prouty, for repairs and furniture	$1 10
J. H. Prouty, cleaning house and repairs	11 30
	$12 40

District No. 2.

Elwin M. Brown, for cleaning house and repairs 1873	$15 84
Simeon Damon, for cleaning house and repairs	6 80
F. H. Curtis, for lumber and labor	71 08
Simeon Damon, for furniture	5 05
Richmond Farrar, for fencing yard	7 90
T. R. Lawrence, for repairs on black-board	1 00
	$107 67

District No. 3.

A. B. Litchfield, for repairs 1873	$4 62
Freeman Damon, for cleaning house and repairs	8 75
	$13 37

District No. 4.

C. A. Litchfield, for cash paid for clock	$7 00

District No. 5.

E. T. Fogg, for cleaning house, 1873	$4 00
T. R. Lawrence, for painting school-room	26 47
Seth Foster, for clock and globe.....	10 30
N. B. Sylvester, for repairs, &c.....	6 50
	$47 27

District No. 6.

B. W. Jacobs, for cleaning house and repairs.....	$8 22
T. R. Lawrence, for repairs on blackboard..... .	1 00
	$9 22

District No. 7.

Seth Foster, for furniture, 1873.....	$2 50
G. P. Clapp, cleaning house and repairs.....	23 84
F. A. Davis, for material and labor.....	13 72
New England Clock Co., for clock.....	7 00
Walker, Pratt & Co., for stove..... ...	38 00
T. B. Waterman, for repairs.....	1 40
	$86 46

J. L. Hammett, for maps and slating for schoolrooms	$15 50
E. T. Fogg, for supplies to school rooms..... .	13 57
	$29 07

STATE AID, 1874.

David Stoddard,	$36 00	Mary Spencer,	$48 00
John Lewis,	72 00	E. T. Fogg, "Guardian,"	48 00
George B. Hayden.	54 00	C. D. Barnard,	72 00
Rebecca H. Thompson,	86 00	Christiana Benson,	48 00
Thomas Mee,	96 00	Betsey B. Sylvester,	48 00
Matilda B. Stoddard,	48 00	Geo. W. Wilder, "Guardian,"	48 00
C. H. Totman, "Guardian,"	48 00	Sarah L. Prouty, "Guardian,"	48 00
Benjamin Jacobs,	48 00	Joseph E. Stoddard,	54 00
Elisha Colman,	72 00	Caleb N. Clapp,	14 00
Joseph B. Goodrich,	54 00	Se h O. Fitts,	36 00
George Studley,	84 00		
Hannah Dover,	48 00	Total paid for twelve mos.,	$1,210 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid—		Paid—	
D. W. Studley,	$1 20	C. Williamson,	$1 50
C. Granderson,	5 40	William Hatch,	7 35
Horace Griggs,	7 20	R. P. Briggs.	30 10
A. G. Groce,	1 50	Samuel Loring,	18 25
Liba Litchfield,	21 13	B. P. Foster,	5 70
George O. Torrey,	5 70		
Cummings Litchfield,	7 35		$112 38

ABATEMENT OF TAXES OF 1872 *AND* 1873.

G. S. Horton,	1872,	$3 44	George W. Wilder,	1873,	$2 00
G. F. French,	"	2 70	Charles Bates,	"	2 00
Everett Cushing,	"	3 44	Esther Turner, Est.,	"	1 59
E. H. Arnold,	"	3 44	Jacob Vinal, Est.,	"	32
Daniel R. Ewell,	"	3 44	Mary Damon,	"	25
Wm. O. Merritt,	"	4 32	Seth Fearing,	"	2 00
Albert Winslow,	1873,	80	Howard Freeman,	"	2 00
James E. Church,	"	2 00	Louis R. Stevens,	"	2 80
George F. Lucas,	"	2 00	E. H. Arnold,	"	2 00
C. W. Cushing,	"	2 00	E. F. Damon,	"	2 00
G. W. Babb,	"	2 00	John D. Gardner,	"	2 00
C. N. Gardner,	"	2 00	Hosea Gardner,	"	2 00
J. B. Goodrich,	"	4 00	Charles Leroy,	"	2 00
Joseph Harvey,	"	2 00	William Peterson,	"	2 00
Edwin Magoun,	"	2 00	Henry F. Stoddard,	"	3 20
Jotham H. Rogers,	"	2 00	Noah J. Stoddard,	"	5 36
J. E. Stoddard,	"	2 00	Gustavus Totman,	"	2 80
George Studley,	"	2 00			
Delmont O. Cushing,	"	2 00	Total amount,		$83 90

LIST OF JURORS.

Seth H. Vinal,
Samuel Waters,
William Hatch,
Franklin Jacobs,
Ansel G. Groce,
Joshua B. Reed,
Samuel Turner,
William S. Litchfield,
Cummings Litchfield,
Benjamin P. Foster,
William B. Pratt,
Richard P. Briggs,
Andrew J. Litchfield,
Samuel Tolman,
~~Charles W. Sparrell,~~
John Clapp,
Alpheus Thomas,
George H. Torrey,
George E. Jacobs,
Eben T. Fogg,
Benjamin Jacobs,
Albert S. Greene,
Thomas J. Studley,
Coleman Ford,
Israel Hatch,
James House,
Waldo Jones,
Walter Simmons,
T. A. Lawrence,
Richmond Farrar.

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

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Received from	Webster Club	$15 00
	Antiquarian party	5 00
	S. S. Knapp	1 50
	Post 112	11 00
	Steadfast Lodge	21 08
	E. E. Gunderway	7 00
	Jones & Snow	4 00
	Ladies' Sewing Society	8 00
	Harrington	4 00
	So. Scituate Band	18 00
	Wm. F. Talbot	8 00
	Lysander Richards	4 00
	Fred N. Sylvester	6 00
	Comical Brown	4 00
	Willard Torrey	4 00
		$120 58

DR.

Paid for kerosene, $17.47 ; wax, $8.60 ; cleaning hall, $4.00	$30 07	
Chimneys and wicks, $5.88 ; lamps, $13.05 ; brooms, 1.10	20 03	
Benson, for care of hall to April 1st	4 00	
Wood and fitting, $20.50 ; letting hall, $1.00	21 50	
C. D. Barnard, care of hall ten months,	10 00	
		$85 60
Balance in favor of Hall		$34 98

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES FROM FEB. 1, 1874 *TO FEB* 1, 1875.

Stephen Benson, as superintendant, 12 months	$275 00
Thomas Tolman, for groceries	278 30
J. Torrey & Co., for soap	7 20
Joseph Merritt, for pasturing cow	4 35
Allen Sharpleigh & Co., for tea	18 00
F. M. Litchfield, for coal	56 70
Seth Foster, for clothing, medicine, &c.	25 70
A. G. Mann, for wood	21 00
J. H. Corthell, for meat	173 56
Jonathan Hatch, for ice	3 50
Andrew Clapp, for swine	10 00
H. T. Sylvester, for wood	5 00
Mrs. Barstow, for care of Mrs. Brown	5 00
C. W. Sparrell, coffin and shroud for Cynthia Merritt	16 00
Duxbury & Cohasset R. R. Co., for freight	76
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance	19 50
E. T. Fogg, for groceries	252 43
N. P. Brownell, for swine	14 00
J. C. Frye & Co., for butter	31 16
S .W. Eastman, for tin ware	2 41
J. G. Kaulback & Co., for oil and molasses	34 61
Superintendent for supplies	54 45
Seth Foster, for standing wood	25 00
	$1333 63

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Received for board, horse hire, meals and lodgings, use of hearse, hay, &c.	$90 76
Received from Joseph Merritt, for board, medical attendance and funeral expenses of Cynthia Merritt	60 00
Received from sale of calf	10 08
Received from sale of hide and tallow	7 02
Number of vagrants, 36; cost of keeping the same	36 00
By wood, bought but not cut	25 00
Board of 7½ paupers, at $2.82½ per week	1,104 77
	$1,333 63

The items of expense in the Overseers of the Poor department show a slight increase over former years. The severe panic in business, and an unusual amount of sickness for the past year, will account for most of the increase in the assistance outside of the almshouse.

ASSISTANCE OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

Supplies to Mary Monahon and family	$215 50
Supplies to Alice Brooker	52 00
Town of Duxbury, for supplies to Charles D. Mann and family	10 00
City of Taunton, for supplies to A. T. Clapp and family	121 44
Supplies to Noah J. Stoddard and family	125 96
Dr. W. R. Howes, for medical attendance on family of Noah J. Stoddard	60 75
Supplies to George Studley and family	264 30

Supplies to Rebecca H. Thompson and family.....	$39 88
Supplies to Mary Palmer	5 00
Supplies to C. D. Bishop.....	2 00
Supplies to Leander Osborne and family.	23 27
Supplies to Mrs. Simpson	19 97
Supplies to John A. Pierce and family.	71 22
Supplies to Hewitt Baker and family.....	93 00
Supplies to Isaac Packard.....	10 00
Dr. J. O. French, for medical attendance to Elisha F. Coleman	20 50
State Lunatic Hospital, for board of Patrick Monahon, 12 months.....	196 65
State Lunatic Hospital, for board and burial of L. Gunderway	170 21
State Lunatic Hospital, for board of Matilda W. Brown.....	10 50
Town of Pembroke, supplies to E. B. Howland.....	115 62
	$1,627 77

Received and due from—

State for supplies to paupers..... ..	$123 22	
Pembroke for supplies to H.Baker and family	93 00	
E. Bridgewater for supplies to L. Osborne..	23 27	
Taunton for supplies to George Studley and family.....	264 30	
Hanover for supplies to paupers.....	10 00	
Hingham for supplies to Mrs. Simpson. ...	19 97	
		$533 76
Total expense to the Town.....		$1,094 01

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1875.

Support of poor and other town charges	$2,000 00
Support of schools	2,500 00
Repairs of highways	2,000 00
Extra repairs on roads	500 00
	$7,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Avery & Doten, printing town reports	$88 30
Nichols & Hall, for school books	55 97
Jonathan Hatch, for ice chest	24 00
C. Sylvester, for burning grass on flats	2 00
C. A. Litchfield, for repairs at Bridge landing	11 50
Israel Nash, for horse	175 00
C. H. Paine, for leveling and grading new road	12 00
Brewer & Tileston, for school books	21 38
C. W. Sparrell, warning town meetings	12 00
J. B. Tabor, for school books	28 48
David Torrey, Jr., for use of mowing machine and rake	5 00
W. E. Potter, for repairs on well at Almshouse	12 75
S. Hawes, for cement	2 75
F. Damon, lime and lumber for well	2 45
J. L. Hammett, for school books	62 52
E. T. Fogg, for stationery, stamps, &c.,	9 19
T. J. Studley, for repairs on farm wagon	41 59
L. G. Fitts, for ditching town flats	15 50
C. W. Sparrell, for repairs on Almshouse	9 65
Franklin Damon, lumber for railing bridge near Copper Corner	5 70

Gideon Ford, for labor on bridge.	$3 50
E. H. Totman, for damage to wagon.....	5 75
Henry Merritt, for mowing bushes, 1873.....	4 00
Joseph Easterbrook, printing road notices..... ..	5 50
Quincy Mutual Insurance Co. for insurance.....	34 90
J. L. Hammett, for school books.....	26 39
Brewer & Tileston, for school books.....	21 91
Seth Foster, for expressage, printing, &c.,.....	19 60
Joseph Merritt, 2d, for smith work at landing.....	3 32
Post 112, for Decoration Day.....	50 00
Joseph Merritt, 2d, smith work....	27 24
Thomas Sables, for labor on wagon.....	10 00
Dr. Brownell, med. attendance 1873.....	12 00
E. H. Bonney, for coal, 1873	7 88
J. Torrey & Co., soap, 1873.....	10 00
Edward Stowell, expenses and cash paid for Mrs. Monahon....	10 00
T. B. Waterman, expenses to Swansea.....	5 30
E. Stowell, expenses and horse hire to Taunton.....	3 90
	$858 92

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid James B. Tabor, for services as School Committee to March 2d, 1874.....	$8 00
Lucy Turner, for services to Feb. 1, 1875.....	32 00
Emily T. Jacobs, for services to Feb. 1, 1875 ..	30 00
C. A. Litchfield, for services to Feb. 1, 1875. .	29 00
C. W. Sparrell, for returning deaths to Town Clerk.....	8 25
E. T. Fogg, for registering marriages, births and deaths.....	26 65

Paid C. A. Litchfield, for services as Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseer of the Poor to March 2d, 1874	$12 00
Edward Stowell, for same services	10 00
T. B. Waterman, for same services	8 00
C. A. Litchfield, for services from March 2d, 1874, to February 1st, 1875	150 00
Edward Stowell, for services from March 2d, 1874, to Feb. 1st, 1875	132 00
T. B. Waterman, for services from March 2d, 1874, to February 1st, 1875	106 00
C. A. Litchfield, copying valuation lists for State	10 00
Edward Stowell, copying valuation lists for State	10 00
T. B. Waterman, copying valuation lists for State	5 00
	$576 90

RECAPITULATION.

Repairs on highways	$1,986 75
Incidentals	858 92
Assistance out of almshouse	1,094 01
State aid	1,210 00
Removing snow	112 38
Abatement of taxes	83 90
Almshouse expenses	1,333 63
Repairs on school houses	312 46
Expenditures for schools	2,693 35
Special repairs on roads and bridges	1,688 39
Gravel	95 60
Town officers	576 90
State tax	1,520 00
County tax	1,272 79
	$14,839 08

The amount raised for taxation in the several cities and towns, for the year 1874, was $28,700,605. Monroe, in Franklin County, has the highest rate of tax, it being $41.00 per $1,000. Nahant is the lowest in this particular, the rate there being only $5.00 per $1,000.

Average rate of taxation in Plymouth County, $13.75 per $1,000.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Valuation of the Town, May 1, 1874.

Valuation of real estate	$650,162 00
personal estate	260,124 00
	$910,286 00

Rate of taxation, $1.22 on $100.00.
Number of polls, 478.

Total Tax for State, County, and Town Purposes.

State tax	$1,520 00
County tax	1,272 79
Poor and incidental	3,000 00
Schools	2,500 00
New roads and extra repairs	1,500 00
Repairs of highways	2,000 00
School books	24 05
Overlayings	268 60
Amount placed in hands of Collector	$12,085 53

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN FEB. 1st, 1875.

Notes in favor of—

South Scituate Savings Bank	$957 00
Joseph T. Litchfield	725 00
C. W. Sylvester	470 00
H. T. Sylvester	200 00
Michael Ford	1,025 00
Ebenezer Stetson,	200 00
J. C. Tolman	300 00
R. V. C. Turner	575 00
Nathaniel Turner	300 00
Interest due on above notes	120 25
Estimated amount due several schools	900 00
Estimated bills outstanding	134 35
	$5,906 60

RESOURCES.

Outstanding taxes	$2,821 68
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1,468 70
State Treasurer from State Aid	1,300 00
Due from Hanover, support of pauper	10 00
Due from Taunton, supplies to George Studley	33 00
Due from State, supplies to paupers	123 22
Due from County Treasurer, school fund	150 00
	$5,906 60

By an examination of the Report for the year 1866, we find the town debt at that time to be	$18,739 79
For the year 1867	15,100 74
" " 1868	15,064 33
" " 1869	17,688 32
" " 1870	15,235 92
" " 1871	12,898 83
" " 1872	8,902 43
" " 1873	6,431 93
" " 1874	1,486 11

At the present time, it is gratifying to be able to report, that the resources of the town are sufficient to meet its liabilities. There is probably enough due us from the State for Corporation and Bank taxes unpaid to offset all abatements of taxes, and small bills outstanding more than estimated.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
THOMAS B. WATERMAN,
} *Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

E. T. FOGG, TREASURER, *in account with the Town of South Scituate, Feb.* 1, 1875.

DR.	
To assessment of 1874,	$12,085 53
outstanding taxes, Feb. 1, 1874,	3,651 99
cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1874,	2,536 73
cash received for use of town hall,	53 98
balance of dog fund refunded,	146 45
balance of corporation tax, 1873,	58 95
balance of bank tax, 1873,	25 84
cash received of town of Marshfield,	2 00
cash received of East Bridgewater, support of Poor,	23 27
cash received from pedlars' licenses,	18 00
City of Taunton, support of Poor,	231 30
cash received for State pauper,	5 00
for sale of grass on flats,	48 25
for corporation tax refunded,	1,163 96
for National Bank tax,	1,910 98
for State aid refunded,	1,065 50
of town of Hingham, support of Poor,	19 97
for meals and lodging at Almshouse,	36 31
of E. T. Fogg, for sale of school books,	110 03
of R. W. Killam, for sale of school books,	48 31
of State school fund,	273 09
for sale of horse,	30 00
of Joseph Merritt, for support of sister,	60 00
	$23,605 44

CR.	
By cash paid on Selectmen's orders and allowances,	$12,566 43
By cash paid on Scituate tax,	11 12
County tax,	1,272 79
State tax,	1,520 00
notes and interest,	3,573 74
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	270 98
Treasurer's and Collector's salary,	100 00
Taxes outstanding,	2,821 68
Cash to balance,	1,468 70
	$23,605 44

Respectfully submitted,

F. T. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

The Committee chosen by the Town to audit the account of the Treasurer, have attended to that duty, and find the above account correct and properly vouched.

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL, } Auditing Com.
T. B. WATERMAN,

South Scituate, Jan. 30, 1875.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1874.

January 22. Elwyn T. Wright, of Abington, and Mary F. Groce, of South Scituate. By Rev. A. G. Jennings.

February 8. George H. Tisdale and Amelia F. Nash, both of South Scituate. By Rev. J. C. Halliday.

March 22. Reuben A. Griggs, of South Scituate, and Ella C. Turner, of Pembroke. By Rev. Wm. H. Fish.

March 22. Nathaniel Groce, of Rockland, and Emily Baker, of Pembroke. By Rev. Wm. H. Fish.

May 21. Alfred Paine and Adeline F. Litchfield, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Wm. H. Fish.

May 24. John N. Gardner and Elizabeth A. Smith, both of South Scituate. By Rev. E. A. Boyden.

June 28. William B. White, of Abington, and Anna Church, of South Scituate. By Rev. E. A. Boyden.

June 30. Benjamin P. Nichols and Hannah C. Turner, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Wm. H. Fish.

August 3. Horace M. Stetson and Ruth C. Hewitt, both of South Scituate. By Rev. E. A. Boyden.

September 3. Bella J. Matthewson, of Weymouth, and Margaret Kenney, of South Scituate. By Rev. Andrew Read.

September 10. Edmund G. Ford and Martha M. Lincoln, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Andrew Read.

October 8. Charles E. Fish, of Hanover, and Lizzie L. Lawrence, of South Scituate. By Rev. George Leonard.

October 10. Thomas Sables and Abigail Bradford, both of South Scituate. By Samuel A. Turner, Esq.

October 13. James Hayes, of Abington, and Margaret Farrell, of South Scituate. By Peter J. Leddy.

October 17. Fred. W. Dunbar, of Hingham, and Elvira Conant, of Randolph. By Rev. Cyrus W. Allen.

October 21. Asa L. Vining, of South Scituate, and Emma D. Leavitt, of Hanover. By Rev. Cyrus W. Allen.

October 31. Seth A. Curtis and Hattie S. Hatch, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. B. Greene.

November 6. Benjamin E. Stetson, of Scituate, and Mary F. Harris, of South Scituate. By Rev. N. B. Gilman.

November 18. Walter S. Barker, of South Scituate, and Mary T. Cushing, of Hanover. By Rev. E. A. Boyden.

December 19. Q. Everett Bailey, of Hanover, and Eva W. Hunt, of South Scituate. By Rev. E. A. Boyden.

December 23. Frank P. Tilden, of South Scituate, and Hattie A. Mott, of Scituate. By Rev. Wm. H. Fish.

December 30. Melvin W. Stetson and Priscilla H. Merritt, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Wm. H. Fish.

Births Registered in 1874.

Date.	*Name of Child.*	*Name of Parents.*
Jan. 5,	William Elliot Ford, - - -	Laban W. and Lydia E.
Jan. 13,	Mary Frances Lincoln, - - -	Charles E. and Mary A.
Jan. 26,	Sarah Melinda Chamberlain, -	Arthur B. and Mary Ann.
Mar. 4,	Abby Caroline Hatch, - - -	Israel and Josephine.
Mar. 16,	Lydia Tolman, - - - - - -	Thomas J. and Harriet T.
Mar. 24,	Alvin Augustus Vinal, - - -	Alvin D. and Lucy S.
April 9,	Willie Tirrell Studley, - - -	Henry L. and Almira.
April 12,	Ivers E. Cushing, - - - - -	Delmont O. and Helen M.
April 14,	Joseph Briggs, - - - - - -	William S. and Charlotte.
April 15,	John Burton Henderson, - -	John P. and Fannie M.
April 21,	George Stetson Corthell, - -	Joseph H. and Mercy.
May 19,	Alice May Groce, Jennie Warren Groce, } twins,	John D. and Lydia H.
June 13,	Lottie Linwood Wilder, - - -	George N. and Laura J.
June 30,	Maud Carroll Clapp, - - - -	Caleb N. and Isabel M.
July 27,	Mary Flora Stoddard, - - -	James E. and Sarah F.
Aug. 8,	Abby Gertrude Jones, - - -	Marcellus and Judith M.
Aug. 9,	Wallace Hiram Damon, - -	Josiah A. and Annie R.
Aug. 26,	Ida Florence Magoun, - - -	Edward and Emma J.
Sept. 19,	Annie Currie, - - - - - -	Robert and Martha.
Sept. 23,	——— Prouty, - - - - - -	Oliver B. and Caroline T.
Oct. 5,	Hannah E. Pratt,- - - - -	Charles E. and Hannah B.
Oct. 7,	——— Rose, - - - - - -	William and Jane.
Nov. 5,	Lottie Linwood Nash, - - -	Thomas M. and Charlotte.
Nov. 5,	William Warren Sylvester, - -	William K. and Mary E.
Nov. 14,	——— Hyland, - - - - - -	Edmund L. and Elizabeth H.
Nov. 19,	Atwood L. Ford, - - - - -	Edmund and Martha.
Nov. 23,	Charles Swan Smith. - - - -	Albert T. and Ruth J.
Dec. 17,	Henry Coleman Ford, - - -	Coleman and Arabella.

Deaths Registered in 1874.

Date.	*Names.*	*Age.* Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	*Cause.*	*Birthplace.*
Jan. 16,	Mary Cushing, - - -	70	9	..	Consumption.	So. Scituate
Feb. 20,	Seth Thomas, - - -	54	..	..	Anaemia.	Scituate.
Mar. 18,	Thomas J. Tolman, - -	54	5	..	Typhoid Fever.	Boston.
Mar. 22,	Adaline Sylvester, - -	52	1	..	Paralysis.	Braintree.
Mar. 27,	Fanny Lincoln, - - -	78	8	..	Consumption.	Scituate.
April 2,	Ebenezer Brown, - -	55	10	9	Heart Disease.	Scituate.
April 11,	George Lincoln, - - -	83	..	..	Old Age.	So. Scituate
April 13,	Perez Pincin, - - -	93	11	..	Old Age.	Scituate.
April 23,	Elias Pincin, - - -	85	4	..	Old Age.	Scituate.
April 23,	Cynthia Merritt, - . -	89	3	..	Old Age.	So. Scituate
April 30,	Howard S. Beach, - -	12	..	..	Consumption.	So. Scituate
May 16,	Henry Merritt, - - -	76	..	..	Kidney Complaint.	Scituate.
May 7,	Benjamin Corlew, - -	73	..	..	Lung Fever.	Scituate.
May 18,	Zekie T. Vinal, - - -	5	3	..	Spinal Meningitis.	So. Scituate
May 26,	Martha C. Baker, - -	76	6	..	Paralysis.	Hingham.
May 28,	Hattie A. Brooks, - -	27	2	21	Consumption.	So. Scituate
June 9,	Carrie F. Pierce, - -	2	..	9	Inflammation of Brain.	So. Scituate
June 22,	Evelina Bowker, - - -	78	..	3	Mortification.	Marshfield.
July 10,	Deborah N. Litchfield, -	26	11	20	Consumption.	Scituate.
Aug. 1,	Susan Hamlin, - - -	44	..	..	Typhoid Dysentery.	.....
Aug. 7,	Emma Dora Jones, - -	5	4	17	Spinal Meningitis.	E. Stoughton.
Aug. 11,	Hattie S. Pierce, - - -	10	6	..	Abcess.	So. Scituate
Aug. 13,	Cushman Leavitt, - -	79	..	1	Old Age.	.....
Aug. 22,	Lydia Tolman, - - -	..	5	6	Whooping Cough.	So. Scituate
Aug 18,	Alice M. Groce, - - -	..	3	..	.....	So. Scituate
Sept. 5,	Hannah B. Hartt, - -	52	7	..	Chronic Inflammation.	Marshfield.
Sept. 10,	Carrie S. Pierce, - - -	32	8	...	Consumption.	Hanover.

Deaths, Continued.

Date.	*Names.*	*Age.* Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	*Cause.*	*Birthplace.*
Sept. 14,	Earnest Groce Shurtleff, -	..	2	14	.....	So. Scituate
Sept. 29,	Jennie W. Groce, - -	..	4	10	.....	So. Scituate
Sept. 20,	Susanna Jacobs, - - -	89	4	7	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
Sept. 26,	Henry W. Richardson, -	..	9	12	Cholera Infantum.	So. Scituate
Oct. 4,	Henrietta Litchfield, - -	28	8	..	Asthma.	Boston.
Oct. 31,	Mary McCurdy, - - -	61	..	..	Cancer.	Ireland.
Nov. 25,	Nathaniel Ellms, - -	79	11	21	Cancer.	So. Scituate
Nov. 26,	Hannah W. Jacobs, - -	76	9	..	Paralysis.	So. Scituate
Dec. 1,	David W. Stockbridge, -	1	4	3	Fits.	So. Scituate
Dec. 2,	Paul D. Briggs, - - -	51	7	7	Consumption.	So. Scituate
Dec. 23,	Charles F. Brown, - -	13	8	8	Scarlet Fever.	So. Scituate

Number of Deaths registered, 38; Number of Deaths of persons over 80 years of age, 5; over 50 and less than 80 years of age, 16; over 30 and less than 50 years of age, 2; over 10 and less than 30 years of age, 7; under 10 years of age, 8.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of South Scituate,

FOR THE

School Year 1874-5.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of South Scituate:

In presenting to you our report of the condition of the schools for the past year we shall practice brevity, since we find more in all our schools to approve than to find fault with.

The schools have generally during the year been in good hands, and some of them we think have been more successful than in former years. In some districts irregularity in attendance is a serious evil to the prosperity of the school. Parents think it a little matter that a child is detained at home a few days now and then. They do not realize that just as often as the child is kept from school, just so far will he be behind his class. When he returns to school his class is farther advanced than before, and the recitations that have been lost, or the principles explained while away, makes his task more difficult than before, as the examples solved in his absence he does not understand. Parents alone can remedy this evil, and it should be their aim that their children should be constant and punctual in their attendance at school.

Money is not all that is wanting to raise still higher the condition of our schools. It is in some districts a deeper interest on the part of the parents. They should suppress all censure and careless expressions in relation to the teacher. They should instill into the minds of their children the importance of education. They should not forget that the children and youth will soon be called upon to fill offices of "honor and trust," and if they are properly educated will be useful members of society, an honor to their parents and to themselves.

The committee are gratified to observe an increase in the attendance on the part of the parents upon the examinations of the schools and in occasional visits the past year, as it lends inspiration to the teacher, scholar, and to all. The farmer looks well to his hired help, and sees that the work on his farm is well and profitably done. The merchant keeps an eye upon the doings of his clerk, that his profits may not run to waste. If you would take the same pains to ascertain the progress of your children, by visiting the school-room, your labor would doubtless be rewarded by the gratitude of the teacher and an increased interest on the part of your children.

The schools in Nos. 1 and 2 are large, and for the present term assistant teachers are employed. Opinions may differ in regard to the propriety of such a course in the present shape of the school-houses, and we would

suggest whether it would not be best to attach a class-room to the school-houses in Districts 1 and 2.

By an examination of the registers we find that the number of scholars not absent for the year is 15, last year but 6. Not absent for two terms 25, last year only 14; and quite a number, whose names do not appear, were only absent on account of sickness. While it cannot be expected that every scholar will attend every day, yet this should be the object aimed at. "Children who are punctual at school will learn to be punctual in everything else."

In conclusion we would say, as we love our children, as we desire the public good, let us cherish our "Common Schools" and give to them our earnest and united support.

We present the following detailed report of our schools:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

MISS REBECCA C. BROOKS, *Teacher.*

This school has been under the instruction of Miss Brooks for the past two years, and ranks as one of the best in town. The relation between teacher and pupils appears to have been pleasant. Good progress has been made in all branches of study. The examination was a very successful one, and the committee regret that her health would not admit of her remaining another term.

Not Absent for the Year:

Carrie E. Simmons, Mary E. Cowing, Helen J. Cowing, Henry E. Spear and Frank A. Prouty.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Flora L. Prouty, John C. Wilder, George Cowing and Wilfred C. Bowker.

Not Absent for One Term:

Arthur T. Stoddard, Willie Collamore, Josie Prouty and Emma B. Poole.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 49; average attendance, 38; percentage, .77.

Summer Term—Number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 44; percentage, .88.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 53; average attendance, 49; percentage, .92.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .86 7-38.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

MISS MARIA JACOBS, *Teacher.*

This school has again completed a successful year's work, and made an excellent appearance examination day. The government mild, yet firm, seems to have been easily maintained, and a more quiet and pleasant school is seldom seen, and the scholars are to be commended for good order and progress in their studies.

Not Absent for the Year:

E. Everett Jacobs.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Nelson M. Brooks, Etta M. Stoddard, Annie F. Stoddard, Sara Sears and Henry A. Damon.

Not Absent One Term:

Frank H. Jones, Walter T. Bailey, Arthur Sanborn, Dennis Gammon, J. Alva Stoddard, Walter R. Brooks, Alfred H. Loring, Bradford Stoddard, Bennie Loring, J. E. Goodrich, A. Carrie Damon, Susie M. Gammon, Grace H. Jacobs, Cora Sears and Tommie Stoddard.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 35; percentage, .85.

Summer Term—Number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 47; percentage, .85.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 51; average attendance, 43; percentage, .85.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .85.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

MISS MARY SCOLLARD and DEBORAH N. HATCH, *Teachers.*

The winter term was taught by Miss Scollard with fair success; but at the close of the term the order was not as good as the committee desired, and Miss Hatch was engaged for the summer and fall terms; and the committee at their different visitations to the school saw marked improvement, and we regret that a misunderstanding prevailed in regard to the day fixed for the closing examination.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Nellie A. Simmons; Emma G. Litchfield, Lillian Prouty and Arthur L. Litchfield.

Not Absent One Term:

Virginia D. Lincoln, Jennie A. Richardson, Herbert F. Litchfield, Andrew S. Richardson, George Litchfield and Willie F. Richardson.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 26; percentage .74.

Summer Term—Number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 28; percentage, .87.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 26; percentage, .81.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .80 80-99.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

MISS EMILY S. BROWN, *Teacher.*

This school has been under the charge of Miss Brown for the full year. At the commencement the school was quite disorderly, but improvement soon manifested itself, and the progress of the school has been satisfactory. Yet there is not that degree of promptness which is desirable, and we think if parents would visit the school-room more frequently the scholars would have more confidence at examinations.

Not Absent for the Year:

Hannah Merritt, Mary L. Brown and Edwin A. Brown.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Josie Hayden and Irene Hayden.

Not Absent for One Term:

Freddie M. Curtis and Mary A. Joseph.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 37; average attendance, 26; percentage, .70.

Summer Term—Number of scholars, 36; average attendance, 30: percentage, .83.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 29; percentage, .83.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .78 43-54.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

MISS MARTHA W. BROOKS, *Teacher.*

This is one of our largest, as well as one of our best schools in town. It has been under the charge of Miss Brooks for the past year, with the exception of a part of the fall term. In this school (and the same should have been said of Nos. 1 and 2,) the scholars are remarkable for promptness in their recitations. Good progress has been made in all the branches taught, the management of the school has been satisfactory, and we commend those scholars who exhibited their compositions examination day.

Not Absent for the Year:

Nellie H. Fogg, Mary L. Nash, Lizzie W. Corthell, Grace F. Hatch and Albert L. Sparrell.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Mabel R. Hatch, Lettie W. Sylvester, Howard C. Torrey and Harry S. Merritt.

Not Absent for One Term:

Charles H. Lawrence, G. Edgar Bates, Walter C. Barnard, E. Willie French, Walter R. Torrey, George E. Torrey, Willie F. Lawrence, George M. Lee, Nellie J. Dyer, Annie B. Williams, Mary E. Sparrell and Fannie M. Studley.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 44; average attendance, 36; percentage, .82.

Summer Term—Number of scholars 42; average attendance, 37; percentage, .88.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 37; percentage, .92.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .87 19-63.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

MISS MARY L. LINCOLN AND MARY L. ELLS, *Teachers.*

The winter term was taught by Miss Lincoln with good success. Great improvenent was made in reading. She was succeeded by Miss Ells. By comparing the school at the close of the fall term with the commencement of the summer term decided improvements were apparent.

Not Absent for the Year:

Lizzie M. Turner.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Hannah Jacobs, Willie Monahon, John Monahon and J. Frank Turner.

Not Absent for One Term:

Annie Turner, Willie Turner, Walter Jacobs and John F Hatch.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 27; average attendance, 22; percentage, .81.

Summer Term—Number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 18; percentage, .92.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 21; percentage, .87.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .85 65-71.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

LILLIA M. MEANS, MARIANNA HOLBROOK AND EMELINE BRIGGS, *Teachers.*

This school has suffered for the past two years by change of teachers. Mrs. Means was employed to teach the winter term, but having the offer of another situation gave up the school before its close. The summer term was taught by Miss Holbrook, who seemed to lack that degree of energy which is desirable in a teacher to have a successful school. The fall term was under the charge of Miss Briggs, and at the close of the term the good discipline of the school was particularly noticable and indicated its good condition.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Chauncy D. Ford and Arthur Turner.

Not Absent for One Term:

Angelia B. Ford, Elvena Currell, Genevieve Knapp, Lucy B. Clark, Hattie S. Tolman, Hattie E. Winslow, Maria W. Tolman, Herbert C. Tolman, James T. Tolman, Edwin W. Litchfield, Alfred Tolman and Henry Gardner.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 50; average attendance, 41; percentage, .82.

Summer Term—Number of scholars, 48; average attendance, 36; percentage, .75.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 45; average attendance, 39; percentage, .86.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .81 17-143.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
LUCY TURNER,
EMILY T. JACOBS,
} *School Committee.*

South Scituate, Feb. 1st, 1875.

NAMES OF RESIDENT TAX PAYERS IN TOWN FOR 1874, AND AMOUNT OF EACH TAX.

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A

Allison, William	$2 00

B

Briggs, James P.	24 14
Briggs, Benjamin	2 00
Briggs, Paul D	12 43
Briggs, Alfred B	2 00
Briggs, George	2 30
Brown, E. L	5 23
Brown, Bella	12 06
Briggs, Harriett	5 18
Bates, Harvey	16 27
Bates, George H	4 44
Briggs, Deborah C	3 66
Bates, Lorenzo	2 61
Bowker, Frank L	2 00
Bowker, Parsons	9 99
Bowker, N. H	2 61
Brooks, E. F	13 22
Bowker, Eveline	31 41
Brownell, N. P	29 57
Bailey, Joshua D	12 92
Benson, Stephen	2 00
Briggs, George H	27 43
Barnard, C. D	6 27
Berrey, E. C	2 00
Briggs, J. W	23 23
Barstow, Elijah	56 54
Barker, Waters B	18 32
Beale, John	9 01
Barstow, Thomas	2 00
Briggs, Thomas W	2 00
Barker, John S	$17 86
Bates, John B	2 00
Bassford, David	5 49
Bowker, Joseph B	5 30
Bowker, J. H	2 00
Barrell, Benjamin	2 12
Barker, W. S	2 00
Boyden, E. A	2 00
Briggs, Walter S	2 00
Bailey, Luther C	27 02
Bailey, David	18 04
Barnes, Henry	11 03
Barnes, Daniel	4 56
Bates, George H	9 32
Bates, Joshua S	12 37
Bowker, Stephen C	16 56
Bowker, Joshua S	3 10
Brown, Elwyn M	13 53
Brown, A. W	10 17
Brown, John W	13 53
Burrill, James M	8 56
Brown, Ebenezer, Est.	3 54
Bowker, Mary L	20 44
Burrill, Isaac	29 20
Briggs, John G	10 72
Batting, Fielder	2 00
Bowker, D., Est	54 72
Briggs, R. P. & W. S.	62 95
Brooks, N. M	19 71
Brooks, Edward W	23 76
Brooks, S. J. M	10 91
Brooks, W. P	11 41
Brooks, R. C. & M. W.	12 38
Brooks, Hattie A., Est.	6 08

C

Corthell, John E	$17 85
Curtis, Martin S	8 22
Clapp, George H	12 67
Cushing, R. & C	10 37
Cushing, John	21 58
Corthell, J. H.	36 95
Cushing, Martin	26 70
Cushing, G. K	34 15
Cushing, Nathan	683 18
Cushing, Everett	2 00
Cushing, Josiah	17 07
Cushing, N., Est	71 97
Carr, Elias W.	11 57
Cushing, Delmot O.	12 68
Clapp, Andrew	5 48
Casneau, S	4 57
Chapman, T. B	15 18
Clapp, Elijah	18 68
Cushing, W. A.	12 98
Clapp, George	9 93
Clapp, Gorham	13 16
Clapp, John	103 99
Clapp, N. B	30 96
Clapp, Joseph	34 16
Clapp, Stephen. Est	4 27
Clapp, Sylvanus	21 22
Collamore, W.W	60 85
Cowing, George C.	10 54
Colyer, W. W.	2 00
Colyer, William	25 50
Crosby, Joshua	12 98
Curtis, F. H	19 33
Curtis, Ruth	29 28
Clapp, Joseph S	34 62
Clapp, Nathaniel, Est.	112 22
Curtis, G. W. & J. H.	74 09
Curtis, Henry	2 00
Curtis, Peleg	21 83
Curtis, Seth A	2 00
Curtis, Charles A	12 05
Clapp, George P	14 33
Cushing, Elnathan	24 32
Church, C., Est	13 82
Currell, Gilbert	$11 27
Chamberlain, J. W	13 81
Cudworth, S. C.	36 30
Curtis, Hittie, Est	5 22
Curtis, Roswell	2 00
Corthell, John	6 70
Coleman, Elisha	10 95
Cudworth, Elijah	16 44
Copeland, William, Est	40 09
Clapp, Tilden	5 67
Capell, William	13 02

D

Dana, Frank	18 22
Damon, C. H., Est	3 05
Damon, Serena	16 28
Dorr, William	2 00
Damon, Luther	21 03
Damon, H. W	2 00
Damon, Herman	2 00
Delano, Sarah, Est	29 00
Damon, William B	2 00
Damon, Alpheus	2 00
Damon, Albion	12 15
Delano, Sarah, Children	22 92
Damon, Josiah A.	11 88
Damon, Daniel	10 36
Damon, E. B	12 14
Damon, Freeman	10 31
Damon, Simeon	19 39
Damon, Charles H	2 00

E

Ellms, Nathaniel, Jr.	9 20
Ellms, Lewis	15 17
Ellms, Lincoln	15 72
Ewell, Luther L.	2 44
Ewell, Daniel R.	2 00
Ellms, Rodolphus	5 96
Ellms, B. T.	4 07
Ellms, Nathaniel	18 96
Ellms, Thomas	21 02

F

Farrar, A. T.	$2 00
Farrar, Henry R	4 93
Farrar, James J.	39 41
Ford, Charles J.	12 68
Ford, Laban W	2 00
French, B W.	2 00
French, E. A.	2 00
French, Charles H	2 00
French, George F	2 00
Farrar, Richmond.	32 25
French, Freeman.	8 07
French, Henry F.	8 29
Farrar, Sally	8 54
Freeman, John	4 68
Ford, Henry F	23 54
Ford, Gera	10 11
Ford, Elijah H	2 00
Ford & Reed.	4 88
Ford, Edward G	2 00
Ford, Gideon.	7 18
Ford, Joseph F	2 66
Farrar, C. H	20 27
Foster, B P	2 00
Foster, Seth	87 71
Fitts, Seth O.	5 41
French, Edwin W	8 48
French, George	7 30
Fish, William H	7 98
Ford, Colman.	44 46
Fogg, Betsey	28 24
Fogg, E. T.	73 49
Fitts, Luke G.	3 83
Fogg, E. T. Trustee	115 90
Farrar, Albert	12 20
Foster, Philip.	31 60
Ford, David B	5 49
Fogg, E. T., Trustee	3 96
Ford, Michael	67 51
Foster, Walter, Est	14 77
Freeman, Alfred	2 00

G

Gardner, John	$17 27
Gardner, John, Jr.	22 65
Gardner, Wilber	2 00
Greene, Albert S.	2 00
Gardner, Augustus	2 00
Gardner, John N	2 00
Greene, Andrew	8 36
Greene, T. B., Est	17 06
Greene, A. N.	2 55
Goodrich, Sewell	5 66
Griffin, David.	6 27
Granderson, Charles.	19 93
Griggs, Reuben	9 10
Griggs, Horace	17 80
Greene, James	7 79
Gardner, Aaron	2 00
Gardner, Edwin G	5 36
Gardner, H. N	25 61
Gardner, Marcus M	8 10
Gardner, T. H	10 54
Gardner, Hosea.	2 00
Gardner, L. T.	2 00
Gammon, Edward	6 27
Gammon, Morris,	6 88
Goodrich, J. B.	2 00
Glover, H. J.	2 00
Glover, M. C., Est	20 44
Groce, Ansel G	30 25
Groce, Charles	61 17
Griggs, Augustus R.	2 00
Groce, John D	2 92
Groce, John E	6 58
Groce, John	22 97
Groce, Lewis, Est	27 94
Groce, Charles W	42 87
Groce, C. & Son.	61 00

H

Hayden, W. J	2 44
Harvey, Joseph	2 00
Hayden, William.	7 06
House, James	22 93
Hyland, E. L.	6 94

Howland, Luther	$26	72
Hunt, Daniel T	2	00
Howland & Smith	36	60
Hartt, Peter	19	29
Hartt, J. T	8	83
Hatch, Israel	18	59
Hatch, John W	2	30
Hatch, Eleazer, Jr.	2	00
Hatch, Cushing	7	49
Hatch, Jonathan	22	91
Hatch, Merial	9	09
Hatch, Leonard C.	12	00
Hayden, G. B	8	28
Hatch, Eleazer	12	86
Hayden, T. O	2	00
Hatch, Turner	14	63
Hatch, George A.	7	66
Hatch, William S	23	77
Hartt, Mary T	24	09
Hatch, William	39	51
Henderson, J. P	2	00

J

Jackson, F. H	2	00
Jacobs, Andrew, Est.	34	79
Jacobs, Aurelia F	2	62
Jacobs, Martha A	12	20
Jacobs, Edward	37	47
Jacobs, Franklin	31	22
Jacobs, Henry, Est	5	61
Jones, George W.	11	76
Jones, John P	2	00
Jacobs, Edwin	92	10
Jacobs, Elisha	43	14
Jacobs, Loring	27	19
Jacobs, Elisha A	2	00
Jacobs, Barton R	48	10
Jacobs, Benjamin	55	24
Jacobs, Bela T	56	42
Jacobs, Piam	87	67
Jones, John H	67	94
Jones, Gustavus	17	63
Jacobs, Everett	2	00
Jones, Waldo	25	91
Jones, Marcellus	10	42
Jones, Thomas	20	59
Jones, Sarah A	24	77
Jacobs, George E	17	61
Jenkins, H. H.	15	11
Jenkins, H. T.	2	00
Joseph, Antone	12	60
Jacobs, B. W	21	70
Jacobs, B. R.	22	18
James, Joshua, Est	13	61

K

Kendar, W. J.	11	50
Kendar, W. W	2	00
Knapp, John	6	15
Knapp, Austin	2	00
Knapp, James B	36	89
Keheo, John	5	05
Kilborn, Thomas	2	00

L

Leslie, Patrick	5	42
Litchfield, Cummings	32	11
Litchfield, W. C.	11	95
Litchfield, Benjamin	13	15
Little, Melvin	36	65
Leavitt, Melvin	8	10
Leavitt, Edwin T.	5	05
Lincoln, F. S	3	22
Litchfield, Caleb D.	2	00
Lapham, Charles H	23	83
Leavitt, J. W	2	76
Leroy, Charles	2	00
Litchfield, James	2	00
Lapham, William	22	62
Lincoln, C. E	6	27
Litchfield, A. B	8	62
Litchfield, E. M.	2	00
Litchfield, Billings, Est.	11	71
Litchfield, H. S	2	00
Lewis Alpheus	4	14
Loring, Albert B	40	90
Loring, Samuel	11	15
Loring, James L	3	00

Loring, Edwin L.	$9 63
Litchfield, J. S.	2 00
Litchfield, Freeman	14 75
Litchfield, Cushing	15 42
Litchfield, Elijah	10 78
Litchfield, Liba	34 51
Litchfield, Bathsheba	16 22
Litchfield, A. J.	2 00
Litchfield, Mary	30 56
Litchfield, C. A.	2 12
Litchfield, Amos T	2 00
Litchfield, C. H	18 52
Lewis, John	7 30
Lincoln, George, Est.	3 96
Lincoln, Washington	31 95
Litchfield, J. T.	33 47
Lawrence, T. A	11 46
Lawrence, T. R	14 17
Litchfield, James	14 20
Lucas, George F	2 00
Litchfield, John R	19 32
Litchfield, G. W. H.	3 72
Litchfield, Adaline T.	3 66
Litchfield, Albert C.	12 37

M

Main, Henry W	9 32
Main, Lydia	5 49
Monroe, E. D.	5 05
Morse, Lydia	2 14
Merritt, W. H	13 60
Merritt, Walter H.	3 22
Merritt, Henry, Est.	22 46
Merritt, Joseph	6 02
Merritt, James	23 19
Merritt, Edwin	2 00
Merritt, Joseph, 2d.	52 86
Morse, Andrew	10 66
McCarty, Daniel	9 03
Merritt, C. H	29 03
McCurdy, John	2 00

N

Nichols, Benjamin	17 13
Nichols, Wilber	2 00
Nichols, Benjamin P.	2 00
Nash, John C	3 83
Nash, John K.	23 90
Nash, Henry	2 00
Nash, Israel	699 59
Nash, Thomas M.	2 00
Nash, William F	2 00
Norwell, Henry	120 70

O

Otis, John F.	104 66
Otis, Ephraim	60 57
Otis, J. F., Trustee	54 90
Osborn, Levi N	2 91
Otis, Abigail T.	318 60

P

Prouty, William, Jr	21 52
Pincin. A. C	13 04
Packard, Joseph	2 00
Prouty, John H.	19 39
Prouty, James L.	8 10
Prouty, Oliver B	5 96
Prouty, Orlando C.	5 35
Pincin, Perez, Est.	32 39
Patterson, J. H.	8 00
Pratt, William B.	4 13
Pratt, E. W. & W. B.	18 60
Pratt, Charles C.	2 00
Pratt, E. W	37 43
Packard, Isaac H	2 00
Parkinson, Thomas	2 00
Prouty, Isaac	10 85
Prouty, B. W	7 12
Poole, Edgar F	2 00
Pierce, Parmenus	9 63
Penniman, J. W.	12 68
Prouty, William	30 36

R

Robbins, Clarissa	$11 89
Robbins, G. A., Est.	20 25
Robbins, George W	4 50
Raymond, Lewis	13 11
Randall, Asa C.	22 33
Randall, George	2 00
Randall, Allen	15 64
Randall, Allen E	11 15
Richardson, A. S	6 27
Richardson, G. W.	2 00
Raymond, Elias V.	2 00
Robinson, D. P	9 56
Rogers, Jotham	2 00
Rogers, Jotham H	2 00
Rogers, Louisa	30 78
Rudd, Jennie S	10 31
Reed, Alphonzo	2 00
Reed, Joshua B	16 82
Richardson, W. H.	2 00
Robbins, Horace, Est.	1 86
Rideout, Asa	18 48
Reed, Joshua M	2 00

S

Studley, William, Est.	28 00
Studley, D. W	10 60
Studley, Edwin R	10 05
Studley, Charles F	3 52
Sylvester, William	10 78
Sylvester, W. T	3 95
Spooner, Frank M	2 00
Sampson, Clark	13 80
Sampson, T. C.	2 00
Stetson, Abner	32 84
Stetson, Rogers	11 60
Stetson, Horace	2 00
Stetson, S. D.	16 69
Stetson, Samuel O.	11 19
Stetson, Mathew	15 22
Stetson, Luther	13 15
Stetson, Stephen	$12 74
Stetson, M. W	2 00
Spooner, C. W	2 00
Sparrell, C. W.	29 56
Sylvester, George	7 49
Sylvester, W. & G.	4 45
Studley, T. J	10 54
Stetson, G. W., Est	2 20
Sylvester, Charles	2 00
Sylvester, N. B.	6 55
Spellman, Patrick	6 40
Sables, Thomas	12 98
Sampson, J. W	29 26
Sampson, G. D	8 04
Studley, H. L.	18 91
Stoddard, Henry	2 00
Sampson, J. W. & G.D.	7 20
Stetson, Ebenezer	61 41
Stoddard, David H	3 83
Sylvester, W. K.	2 00
Stearns, George	15 46
Sylvester, C. W.	10 17
Sylvester, H. T	4 44
Sylvester, C. & H	3 78
Sylvester, Hannah, Est	21 25
Sylvester, Peter	7 77
Sylvester, Alonzo	2 00
Stoddard, Josiah	17 62
Swan, Gideon R	18 14
Savage, John, Est.	22
Stetson, George W	26 24
Silsby, T. J	12 08
Sturdivant, George	3 25
Sanborn, Ira B	14 81
Sears, James I	27 69
Shea, John	13 16
Slason, W. T	2 00
Simmons, Charles, Est.	78 84
Simmons, Charlotte	23 29
Sprague, Daniel D	15 70
Sprague, Amos W	11 96
Stockbridge, Andrew	13 90
Simmons, Walter	45 08
Stockbridge, David	41 57
Stockbridge, John	21 70

Stevens, H. P	$30 61
Stoddard, David	9 20
Stoddard, D. T	8 89
Stoddard, Alonzo	$2 00
Stoddard, J. E	2 00
Stoddard, N. J	4 56
Stowell, Edward	15 78
Sylvester, J. T	2 00
Studley, H. L. 2d	11 15
Studley, Cushing O	2 00
Shaw, Alfred H	2 00
Sculley, Charles	14 81

T

Tolman, W. C. Jr	2 00
Tolman, Samuel	27 28
Tolman, Charles	20 85
Tolman, James T	14 78
Torrey, David	2 00
Tolman, Samuel, Est	29 63
Tolman, Joseph C.	50 57
Tolbat, Agnes	22 26
Torrey, David, Jr	122 17
Turner, John	3 70
Tower, Lucy	7 17
Torrey, Willard	41 00
Torrey, George H	89 26
Torrey, George O	13 96
Torrey, G. H., Trustee	15 49
Turner, Seth, Est	45 75
Turner, Lucy	3 66
Turner, Henry A	7 82
Turner, Abial	42 39
Turner, Nathaniel	47 37
Tolman, T. J., Est	36 90
Tolman & Merritt	19
Tolman, W. C	14 14
Thomas, Alpheus	15 54
Tisdale, G. W	2 00
Totman, C. H	8 10
Totman, G. S	4 14
Totman, John F	$2 00
Turner, Miles S	58 80
Tilden, John	10 84
Treasurer of 1st Parish,	45 75
Turner, John, 2d	21 88
Tolman, Thomas	26 21
Turner, David W	24 76
Turner, Lydia	11 52
Turner, Samuel	20 11
Turner, William	18 84
Turner, Shiverick	20 42
Turner, Perez	13 18
Turner, R. V. C	16 63
Talbot, William H	18 16
Turner, Theodore, Est.	12 20
Turner, Samuel A	22 49
Turner, William, Est	11 77
Talbot, Frank H	2 00
Tilden, Amos H	19 32
Tilden, Frank P	2 00
Tilden Brothers	19 52
Tilden, Philip	2 00
Tilden, Charles	6 88
Thomas, Seth, Est	58 98
Totman, Alexandra	17 08
Talbot, W. F	2 00

V

Vinal, Seth H	4 56
Vinal, Amos	2 00
Vinal, Abel A	20 76
Vinal, W. R	8 34
Vinal, E. F	39 58
Vining, Israel L	3 22
Vining, Asa	2 00
Vinal, Alvin D	2 00

W

Wilder, Harrison	15 18
Williamson, Charles	5 85
Warner, J. W	11 70

Not for Circulation

Waters, Samuel	$20	24
Waters, Jacob L	2	00
Welch, John	34	27
Wilder, George A	2	00
Wilder, Calvin	8	58
Wilder, Charles	9	87
Wilder, C. H	3	83
Wilder, Laban	15	32
Willcott, D. M	21	65
Winslow, R. L	6	09
Wright, Edwin F	2	00
Waterman, T. B	37	09
Waterman, L. C	$31	99
Winslow, W. S	21	03
Williams, James H	14	09
Winslow, Albert	2	61
Waterman, James	28	39
Waterman, E. C	2	00

Y

Young, B. M	76	71
Young, Charles C	16	34
Young, Charles F	2	00

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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the town of South Scituate present for the consideration of the town their Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures for the financial year ending January 1, 1876, accompanied by estimates of the probable expenditures of the town for the coming year:

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

How to keep our roads in good condition is an important question, and one affecting the convenience and business interests of the whole town. Various systems and methods have been proposed at our annual meetings, but we are led to believe that under the present system the condition of our roads have improved from year to year. We raise about forty dollars for every mile of road in town, besides expending the past year over six hundred dollars more for extra repairs. We have given the amount expended by each Surveyor, and the prices paid by them for labor, more in detail than usual.

GUIDE BOARDS.

The guide and street boards are generally in good condition, one having been erected at the corner of Main and River streets, and others repaired in different parts of the town.

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

The derangement of business the past year has thrown many out of employment, yet it is gratifying to observe that the amount of taxes outstanding and those abated by the Assessors are less than in previous years.

SUPPORT OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

The expense in this department shows a slight increase over that of last year. The bills for medical attendance have been large, and it seems to us that the cost would be less if the Overseers of the Poor were allowed to furnish all necessary medical attendance. The latter method is adopted in nearly all the towns in the State. Patrick Monahon, who has been under treatment at the Insane Hospital at Taunton, has died, and at present only one remains there at the expense of the town.

FINANCIAL.

By reference to the body of the Report, it will be seen that the condition of the town is a very favorable one. And should no unforeseen expense present itself, the rate of taxation for 1876 will probably not exceed that of last year.

EXPENDITURES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Hattie R. Gardner, for teaching, 25 weeks.....	$250 00
Rebecca C. Brooks, for teaching, 12 weeks.	120 00
Alice M. Simmons, as assistant teacher..... ..	45 00
John H. Prouty, for making fires	3 00
Alpheus Thomas, for wood and fitting.....	42 75
	$460 75

District No. 2.

Maria Jacobs, for teaching, 35 weeks, 3 days	$356 00
Isabella Farrar, as assistant teacher	37 50
Simeon Damon, for wood and fitting	27 20
Simeon Damon, making fires	3 00
	$423 70

District No. 3.

Abby M. Vinal, for teaching, 25 weeks	$225 00
M. A. Hunt, for teaching, 12 weeks	108 00
J. F. Damon, making fires	3 00
Freeman Damon, for wood and fitting	25 00
	$361 00

District No. 4.

Emily S. Brown, for teaching, 12 weeks	$108 00
Anna Tolman, for teaching, 24 weeks	216 00
C. A. Litchfield, for wood and fitting	25 00
E. A. Brown, for making fires	3 00
	$352 00

District No. 5.

Martha W. Brooks, for teaching, 36 weeks	$360 00
E. T. Fogg, for wood and fitting	23 00
C. H. Lawrance, for making fires	3 00
	$386 00

District No. 6.

Mary L. Ells, for teaching, 25 weeks	$225 00
Mary L. Ells, for making fires	3 00
S. C. Gardner, for teaching, 8 weeks	72 00
B. W. Jacobs, for wood and fitting	30 75
	$330 75

District No. 7.

Susie A. Oakman, for teaching, 12 weeks	$120 00
Deborah N. Hatch, for teaching, 24 weeks.....	240 00
A. Tolman, for making fires	3 00
S. Hawes & Co., for coal, winter term of 1874.....	18 50
W. C. Tolman, for wood and fitting	40 33
	$421 83

Amount expended of this year's appropriation for Summer and Fall terms, including wood for Winter term of 1875 and 1876, $1,818 53, which will leave a balance of $481.47 of the appropriation. Allowing the school funds to be $419.54, the same as last year, there will be a balance due the several schools, for teaching and making fires the present term, $901.01.

Population of the town, May 1, 1865.....1,635
Population of the town, May 1, 1875.....1,818
Number of males, 924. Females, 894.

Population of the State, May 1, 1875... 1,651,652
Females, 857,364. Males, 794,288.

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

District No. 1.

John H. Prouty, for repairs.....	$3 80
F. H. Curtis, for repairs, (vote of town).....	104 71
Alpheus Thomas, for cleaning house and repairs.	10 25
	$118 76

District No. 2.

Simeon Damon, for cleaning house and repairs.....	$28 54

District No. 3.

Freeman Damon, for cleaning house and repairs...	$15 25

District No. 4.

C. A. Litchfield, for cleaning house and repairs.....	$6 15

District No. 5.

C. W. Sparrell, for repairs.....	$2 75
E. T. Fogg, for cleaning house	3 50
E. T. Fogg, for repairs, (vote of town)	75 82
	$82 07

District No. 6.

Eastman & Stevens, for stove.....	$10 00
B. W. Jacobs, for cleaning house and repairs.....	4 00
E. H. Braybrook, for furniture.....	8 80
	$22 80

District No. 7.

F. A. Davis, for stove and pipe.....	$14 49
Seth Foster, for blinds.....	1 50
William C. Tolman, for repairs on house and yard..	53 80
	$69 79

C. T. Fogg, for supplies to the several districts.....	$16 35

Total amount for repairs, furniture, &c., $359.71.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS

The several sums have been paid for labor :

East Ward.

Liba Litchfield, 59½ days, at $2	$119 00
Liba Litchfield, oxen, cart and tools, 54 days, at $2.50	135 00
Albert Winslow, 56½ days, at $1.75	98 87
William H. Richardson, 44½ days, at $1.75	77 87
David W. Studley, 41 days, at $1.75	71 75
Henry Stoddard, 35 days, at $1.75	61 25
Charles Granderson, 21 days, at $1.75	36 25
Charles Granderson, oxen and cart, 21 days, at $2.50	52 50
William H. Merritt, 36 days, at $1.75	62 99
William H. Merritt, team, 1 day	1 00
Elijah Litchfield, 24½ days, at $1.75	42 87
John W. Hatch, 17 days, at $1.75	29 75
John W. Hatch, horse and cart, 8 days, at $1.75	14 00
Charles Williamson, 2 days, at $1.75	3 50
C. M. Leavitt, 13 days, at $1.75	22 75
James W. Sampson, 21½ days, at $1.75	37 62
James W. Sampson, horse and cart, 1 day	1 75
Henry L. Studley, 3 days, at $1.75	5 25
Henry L. Studley, horse and cart, 2 days, at $1.75	3 50
Nathaniel Ellms	5 74
R. V. C. Turner	10 50
Turner Hatch	1 00
John Stockbridge	7 22
Alfred Pincin	2 00
Liba Litchfield, blasting rocks	8 32
David W. Studley, splitting stone	5 50
Zimrie Richardson, 6 days, at $1.75	10 50
	$928 25

Liba Litchfield, *Surveyor.*

The above bill includes the appropriation of $200 made by the town for repairs of Cross street.

Railing Bridges.

Paid—

Liba Litchfield, for railing bridges on Mount Blue and Main streets	$6 25
Liba Litchfield, for labor, rails and spikes on Mount Hope street bridge	16 05
D. W. Studley, for labor and posts	9 23
	$31 53

Repairs on Highways in South Ward.

Paid—

Josiah Stoddard, oxen, cart, and for labor on roads	$154 75
Mathew Stetson, 26½ days, at $1.75	46 38
W. B. Barker, 17½ days, at $1.75	30 62
Newton Gardner, 28½ days, at $1.75	49 88
William Rose, 6½ days, at $1.75	11 37
J. S. Barker, 6 days, at $1.75	10 50
Horace Stetson, 2 days, at $1 75	3 50
John McCurdy, 8 days, at $1.75	14 00
H. Packard, 2 days, at $1.75	3 50
W. S. Barker, 9½ days, at $1.75	16 63
Rogers Stetson, 1 day, at $1.75	1 75
Andrew Green, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
S. Goodrich, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
James Hunt, 2 days, at $1.75	3 50
Gilbert Currell, 2 days, at $1.75	3 50
Seth H. Vinal, 2½ days, at $1.75	4 37
George O. Torrey, 3½ days, at $1.75	6 13
John Beal, 2 days, at $1.75	3 50
Austin Stoddard, 1 day, at $1.75	1 75
J. W. Briggs, 1 day, at $1.75	1 75
B. Barrell, 4 days, at $1.75	6 00
Peter Hart, 2½ days, at $1.75	4 37

Abner Stetson, 8 days, with oxen and cart, at $4.00	$32 00
Robert Currie, 3 days, at $1.75	5 25
Elias W. Pratt, 3 days, at $1.75	5 25
Elias W. Pratt, $4\frac{3}{4}$ days, with oxen and cart, at $4.00	19 00
Abner Stetson, $1\frac{1}{4}$ days, with oxen	5 00
Elijah Barstow, 2 days, with oxen and cart	8 00
George W. Stetson, 4 days, with horse and cart, at $3.25	13 00
William C. Tolman, 1 day, at $1.75	1 75
William C. Tolman, 2 days, with oxen and cart at $4.00	8 00
Abner Stetson, for $3\frac{1}{2}$ days with oxen and cart	15 00
Abner Stetson, for use of plough	1 50
Thomas C. Sampson, for labor	2 25
Howard Packard, for $3\frac{1}{2}$ days labor	5 25
J. Enols, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at $1.50 for 10 hours	2 25
John McCurdy, $7\frac{1}{4}$ days, at $1.50 for 10 hours	10 70
W. Rose, $2\frac{1}{4}$ days	2 45
James Monroe, $2\frac{1}{3}$ days, at $1.50	3 50
J. W. Briggs, $7\frac{1}{4}$ days	10 50
	$531 40

REPAIRS ON DELANO HILL. Appropriation, $200.

Paid—		Paid—	
Josiah Stoddard,	$42 00	S. C. Cudworth,	$14 00
Mathew Stetson,	11 38	E. Barstow,	8 00
H. A. Turner,	25 50	William Rose,	7 00
Horace Stetson,	8 76	J. W. Briggs,	3 50
W. S. Barker,	12 25	John McCurdy,	9 63
N. Gardner,	11 38	George O. Torrey,	10 50
T. C. Sampson,	9 63		
Abner Stetson,	24 75	Total,	$198 28

Expense of Widening Road near Delano Hill.

(vote of town.)

Paid—		Paid—	
Waters B. Barker,	$26 25	Newton Gardner,	$7 87
Mathew Stetson,	7 87	William Rose,	7 00
J. McCurdy,	4 81	H. A. Turner,	15 00
T. C. Sampson,	7 87	Horace Stetson.	2 62
Abner Stetson,	10 00		
S. C. Cudworth,	4 00	Total,	$122 54
Josiah Stoddard,	29 25		

Josiah Stoddard, *Surveyor.*

Repairs of Highways in West Ward.

Paid—

R. P. Briggs, 41½ days, at $2.00	$83 00
Oxen, cart and tools, 34 days, at $2.50	85 00
Horse and cart, 25 days, at $1.75	43 75
Benjamin Barrell, 24½ days, at $1.75	42 87
J. Bowker, 21½ days, at $1.75	35 87
W. S. Briggs, 16 days, at $1.75	28 00
George Barrell, 8 days, at $1.00	8 00
Abner Curtis, 12⅓ days, at $1.50	18 50
E. Damon, 4 days, at $1.25	5 00
Stephen Bowker, 7⅔ days, at $1.50	11 50
D. Damon, 5 days, at $1.50	7 50
B. Jacobs and team, 9 days, at $4.00	36 00
J. S. Clapp, 21⅓ days, at $1.50	32 00
—— Gardner, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
Piam Jacobs and team, 2 days, at $4.00	8 00
Piam Jacobs, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
E. Brooks, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
James Loring, 3 days, at $1.50	4 50
John Penniman	3 60
I. Prouty, 2 days, at $1.50	3 00

R. P. Briggs, horse and cart, 14 days, at $1.50	$21 00
W. S. Briggs, 14 days, at $1.50	21 00
E. Damon, 4½ days, at $1.00	4 50
O. Prouty, 2 days, at $1.50	3 00
W. Damon, 9⅓ days, at $1.50	14 00
I. Sanborn	75
L. Jacobs, 7½ days, at $1.50	11 25
L. Pierce, 3 days, at $1.50	4 50
John Turner, 3 days, at $1.00	3 00
A. Clapp, 3 days, at $1.50	4 50
J. G. Briggs, 9½ days, at $1.50	14 25
Curtis Brothers, for horse, cart and man, 4 days, at $3.50	14 00
John Troy, 30 days, at $1.50	45 00
S. Clapp and team, 4 days, at $4.00	16 00
J. Clapp and team, 1 day, at $4.00	4 00
M. Jones, 2 days, at $1.50	3 00
A. Damon, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
I. Vining, for labor	18 00
David Bailey, for labor	2 25
Luther C. Bailey, for labor	6 50
Walter Simmons, for labor	23 00
J. Bailey, for labor	8 50
E. Jacobs, for labor	3 00
D. Barnes, for labor	2 50
J. Munroe, for labor	6 75
S. Loring, for labor	10 00
	$726 34

REPAIRS ON OAK STREET. Appropriation, $100.00.

Paid—

R. P. Briggs, 7½ days, at $2.00	$15 00
Oxen, cart and tools, 7 days	17 50
Horse and cart, 4 days, at $1.75	7 00
Stephen Bowker, 7 days, at $1.50	10 50
B. Barrell, 7 days, at $1.75	12 25
J. Bowker, 7 days, at $1.75	12 25
Piam Jacobs and team	9 00
J. Troy, 6⅔ days, at $1.50	10 00
Curtis Brothers	3 50
J. S. Clapp, 1 day, at $1.50	1 50
W. Prouty	1 50
	$100 00

R. P. BRIGGS, *Surveyor.*

PAID FOR GRAVEL,—WEST WARD.

D. Barnes,	$1 00	N. B. Clapp,	$0 60
G. R. Swan,	1 50	Bela Jacobs,	2 64
J. Welch,	1 00		
B. Young,	2 00	Total,	$12 74
F. Jacobs,	4 00		

PAID FOR GRAVEL,—EAST WARD.

Henry L. Studley,	$6 45	William S. Hatch,	$5 10
James W. Sampson,	90	J. P. Briggs,	20
William Turner,	85	James Greene,	2 25
William O. Clapp,	1 00	N. P. Brownell,	9 00
Gera Ford,	95	Mrs. T. Turner,	15
Oliver Prouty,	35	John E. Corthell,	90
D. Stockbridge,	60		
A. C. Pincin,	4 60	Total,	$33 30

PAID FOR GRAVEL,—SOUTH WARD.

Nathaniel Turner,	$6 00	Mrs. T. J. Tolman,	$22 26
Abner Stetson,	14 40	A. Turner,	1 08
Philip Foster,	10 92		
J. Stoddard,	2 88	Total,	$57 54

Drain Pipe.

Paid—

Day, Collins & Co., for pipe.	$59 00
F. A. Davis, for pipe	3 20
Duxbury & Cohasset R. R. Co., for freight	3 06
	$65 26

LIST OF JURORS,

FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REVISION BY THE TOWN.

Franklin Jacobs,
Joshua B. Reed,
Richard P. Briggs,
Thomas H. Gardner,
John Clapp,
Ebenezer T. Fogg,
Albert S. Greene,
James S. House,
Melvin W. Stetson,
William Capell,
Samuel Turner,
Ansel G. Grose,
William S. Winslow,
Andrew J. Litchfield,
Alpheus Thomas,
George E. Jacobs,
Colman Ford,
Waldo Jones,
Richmond Farrar,
Thomas R. Lawrance,
William Hatch,
Samuel Waters,
Benjamin P. Foster,
William B. Pratt,
George H. Torrey,
Benjamin Jacobs,
Israel Hatch,
Walter Simmons,
Samuel D. Stetson,
Thomas J. Studley.

Names of Jurors Drawn in 1875.

Horace Griggs,
S. H. Vinal,
Loring Jacobs,
Samuel Tolman,
Cummings Litchfield.

REMOVING SNOW.

East Ward.

Paid—		Paid—	
Liba Litchfield,	$17 09	B. P. Foster,	$10 20
W. H. Richardson,	10 77	William Sylvester,	10 20
Charles Granderson,	3 00	Charles Sylvester,	1 20
David Stockbridge,	2 10	Nathan Cushing,	4 50
Andrew Morse,	2 85	Charles Lawrance,	1 35
E. Litchfield,	2 20	Frank Talbot,	1 50
Parker Nichols,	3 00	Daniel Ewell,	2 10
E. Towne,	1 90	Gideon Ford,	2 10
John Stockbridge,	45	Henry Stoddard,	60
C. Litchfield,	1 10	T. O. Hayden,	1 50
C. Williamson,	60	A. B. Briggs,	1 95
Elijah Litchfield,	1 50	N. Ellms,	2 10
Cassius Merritt,	1 65	B. Ellms,	2 10
John W. Hatch,	6 30	Lewis Ellms,	1 40
Martin Cushing,	4 80	Lincoln Ellms,	1 95
John Cushing,	3 23	Freeman Litchfield,	2 10
Charles Studley,	5 40	C. D. Litchfield,	2 10
John Wilder,	3 60	J. S. Litchfield,	2 10
Charles Brown,	1 80	Bela Brown,	1 95
H. T. Jenkins,	4 05	G. A. Briggs,	2 10
C. Merritt,	60	W. L. Briggs,	1 10
Colman Ford,	9 30	B. Briggs,	1 95
Reuben Griggs,	5 25	D. W. Studley,	3 60
Turner Hatch,	4 20	A. Winslow,	2 70
Seth Curtis,	3 30	J. Sylvia,	3 75
George A. Hatch,	10 20	F. Prouty,	3 33
Alfred C. Pincin,	7 05	J. Read,	50
A. Totman,	6 45	H. Damon,	3 00
Elias Carr,	2 70	F. Spooner,	1 50
John Greene,	3 60	C. Litchfield,	1 50
James Greene,	6 30	H. Farrar,	30
Seth O. Fitts,	1 50	W. Rudd,	40
C. H. Litchfield,	2 10	F. Rudd,	58
T. Monahon,	1 00	S. Cozneau,	3 45
John Turner,	3 00	R. Winslow,	3 45
Manuel Joseph,	1 20	—— Cozneau,	60
Edward Gardner,	1 35	H. Stoddard,	60
Samuel Gardner,	1 20	Cushing Litchfield,	1 35
Antoine Joseph,	1 50	Byron Ellms,	1 35
Albert Brown,	1 20	Edwin Studley,	6 30
Edwin Brown,	1 60	James Merritt,	3 45
William Hatch,	2 00	Henry Stoddard,	3 60

A. Reed,	$1 80	W. Denver,	$1 20
Amos Litchfield,	1 80	Washington Lincoln,	3 60
Jesse Reed,	3 60	George H. Briggs,	1 20
Lyman Lincoln,	3 60	G. D. Sampson,	5 55
David Griffin,	2 40	James W. Sampson,	7 55
Horace Griggs,	3 15	T. Turner,	2 40
C. Hatch,	1 35	W. Jacobs,	2 40
A. Tilden,	3 30	J. W. Jacobs,	1 20
H. L. Studley,	5 85		
H. Mann,	1 20	Total,	$311 65

South Ward.

Paid—		Paid—	
Josiah Stoddard,	$10 20	David Stoddard,	$2 40
Elijah Barstow,	4 05	H. A. Turner,	75
Howard Packard,	75	Cummings Litchfield,	15 80
W. Rose,	1 65	C. Cromwell, Jr.,	1 80
John S. Barker,	3 15	J. W. Briggs,	1 50
W. B. Barker,	3 15	Henry O. Torrey,	3 00
W. S. Barker,	1 65	Charles F. Torrey,	3 60
T. B. Waterman,	45	David Torrey, Jr.,	4 50
John Hewitt,	2 40	H. Percival,	1 50
T. W. Briggs,	2 40	Willard Torrey,	1 50
Mathew Stetson,	4 35	Abner Stetson,	8 40
Rogers Stetson,	1 20	B. Stetson,	2 75
Charles Pratt,	4 20	Amos Vinal,	4 20
Gilbert Currell,	3 15	Peter Hart,	2 70
S. D. Stetson,	2 85	John McCurdy,	3 90
F. D. Stetson,	2 00	James T. Tolman,	1 95
Robert Currie,	2 10	G. W. Stetson,	2 55
W. K. Sylvester,	1 20	John Gardner,	75
W. W. Kender,	60	George Gardner,	1 95
F. E. Stetson,	3 30	Wilber Gardner,	1 65
George C. Stetson,	1 20	T. C. Sampson,	60
A. Chamberlain,	2 40	Charles Tolman,	1 05
Newton Gardner,	3 90	Israel Hatch,	1 05
Heman Damon,	4 80	Thomas Stoddard,	2 40
W. C. Tolman,	7 65	Charles Ewell,	45
Daniel McCarty,	1 20	C. Cromwell,	5 40
Charles Merritt,	1 05	Philip Foster,	1 50
Melvin Stetson,	2 40	George O. Torrey,	3 60
W. Smith,	90	M. Lynch,	3 00
D. Bassford,	1 50	John Keheo,	3 00
F. Bonney,	1 37	C. Cromwell,	1 50
George Capell,	2 85		
W. Capell,	1 20	Total,	$177 92

West Ward.

Paid—		Paid—	
R. P. Briggs,	$5 40	Daniel Sprague,	$11 10
W. S. Briggs,	5 40	A. W. Sprague,	14 10
Henry Maine,	1 35	A. S. Richardson,	2 25
Bela Jacobs,	60	Edward Monroe,	6 00
Alden Damon,	4 50	Abel A. Vinal,	3 60
L. Damon,	4 15	G. Brown,	3 90
E. A. Damon,	3 55	E. Jacobs,	4 45
J. Jones,	3 00	F. H. Curtis,	7 80
Andrew Clapp,	2 85	W. W. Collamore,	2 25
E. M. Brown,	1 80	Frank Stowell,	2 35
H. Litchfield,	1 80	J. H. Curtis,	3 45
A. Baker,	1 20	A. T. Farrar,	2 10
Edward Jacobs,	1 50	D. Barnes,	1 50
Albion Damon,	1 05	J. H. Prouty,	2 70
Alpheus Damon,	2 40	B. Prouty,	2 95
M. Gammon,	3 30	Lloyd Raymond,	1 50
J. Measures,	1 50	Jack Enolds,	4 25
P. Pierce,	2 05	Thomas Jones,	1 80
H. Barnes,	1 35	M. Jones,	1 35
A. Smith,	4 05	B. Jacobs,	1 05
John E. Grose,	3 75	James L. Loring,	2 40
H. L. Studley,	3 45	Walter Simmons,	11 30
W. Studley,	1 50	Ensign B. Damon,	6 60
S. Damon,	1 95	Freeman Damon,	6 00
W. Damon,	1 95	Abel A. Vinal,	1 25
W. Jones,	1 65	Piam Jacobs,	13 80
F. Jones,	1 47	A. S. Richardson,	4 20
Ira Sanborn,	2 35	E. Raymond,	5 55
Daniel Damon,	1 80	R. A. Griggs,	3 60
J. Bailey,	3 87	F. Jacobs,	7 50
Loring Jacobs,	2 40	L. C. Bailey,	5 70
Barton R. Jacobs,	6 00	——— Wilson,	1 35
Peleg Curtis,	3 30	T. M. Nash,	1 35
Abner Curtis,	4 30	S. C. Bowker,	3 30
Charles Wilder,	2 80	C. H. Totman,	2 40
J. S. Clapp,	3 30	G. A. Bates,	1 50
Daniel Shay,	75	Samuel Loring,	6 75
J. Bowker,	2 40	Henry Spear,	70
J. Otis,	2 70	J. J. Farrar,	1 05
J. Clapp,	60	A. Leroy,	70
Thomas Shay,	1 50	D. Bailey,	1 05
E. Jacobs,	75	A. G. Grose,	6 00
Piam Jacobs,	4 00	H. Gardner,	50
T. Burrels, (Bill,)	34 50	A. Wright,	1 50

D. Shay,	$0 50	T. Vining,	$2 90
W. Lapham,	60	L. Ford,	50
G. Wilder,	1 50	E. Jacobs,	1 20
J. Leavitt,	1 50	Alden Damon,	60
W. Davis,	1 50	G. Tisdale,	1 50
N. B. Clapp,	2 40	E. Gardner,	1 50
J. B. Goodrich,	1 80	A. Lewis,	1 50
N M. Brooks,	3 15	W. Stoddard,	90
R. Farrar,	3 00	E. W. Brooks,	4 35
B. Barrell,	2 55	E. T. Vinal,	1 95
J. W. Bowker,	3 90	S. M. Brooks,	4 05
W. Potter,	4 05	James I. Sears,	1 80
James Munroe,	4 50	J. B. Bowker,	4 05
Sylvanus Clapp,	16 05	C. Whitmarsh,	2 55
Alonzo Sylvester,	1 50	S. Goodrich,	3 60
T. G. Brooks,	1 05	Mrs. Lucy Turner,	2 25
H. Curtis,	1 05	Peter Sylvester,	1 35
E. Magoun,	1 05	G. W. Barrell,	1 50
A. Gardner,	2 10	Total,	$406 14

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

Joseph B. Bowker,	$61 75	Sarah L. Prouty, (guardian,)	$24 00
Elisha Coleman,	72 00	Geo. A. Wilder, (guardian,)	48 00
Caleb N. Clapp,	24 00	Chas. H. Totman, (guardian,)	20 00
Joseph E. Stoddard,	150 00	Benjamin Jacobs,	48 00
Wm. T. Sylvester,	48 00	Thomas Mee,	96 00
Thomas Stoddard,	48 00	C. D. Barnard,	72 00
Rebecca H. Thompson,	96 00	S. H. Goodrich,	33 00
George B. Hayden,	54 00	Mary Spencer,	48 00
John Lewis,	72 00	Seth O. Fitts,	36 00
George Studley,	84 00	Hannah Dover,	48 00
David Stoddard,	36 00	Total,	$1,259 75

ABATEMENT OF TAXES OF 1873 and 1874.

Morris Gammon,	$2 00	C. W. Spooner,	$2 00
H. J. Glover,	2 00	Francis Lincoln,	1 22
Joseph Harvey,	2 00	George F. Lucas,	2 00
Elisha A. Jacobs,	2 00	Eben C. Waterman,	2 00
Charles Leroy,	2 00	Austin Knapp,	2 00
E. D. Munroe,	5 05	Henry Litchfield,	2 00
G. W. H. Litchfield,	3 72	Albert Winslow,	61
Thomas M. Nash,	2 00	Joseph Ford,	66
Andrew S. Richardson,	7 44	C. F. Young,	2 00
Noah J. Stoddard,	4 56	Everett Torrey,	77
J. E. Stoddard,	2 00		
Gustavus Totman,	4 14	Total,	$54 17

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

Supplies out of Almshouse.

Paid—

Supplies to Alice Brooker	$52 00
Supplies to Noah J. Stoddard and family	53 82
Supplies to Thomas Barstow and family	16 66
Supplies to Mary Monahon and family	236 94
Town of Duxbury, allowance to C. D. Mann	12 50
City of Taunton, allowance to A. T. Clapp and family	130 58
Supplies to George Studley and family	242 80
Supplies to Isaac Packard	34 31
City of Boston, allowance to S. A. P. Leavitt	8 51
Supplies to Harriet Beach	26 62
Supplies to Phebe M. Brownell	22 50
Allowance to George Clapp and family	64 63
Allowance to Mary Williams	10 14
Allowance to Hewitt Baker and family	100 25
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for Luther S. Cozneau	16 00
Allowance to Mary S. Fitts and children	70 00
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance to Joshua Prince	7 00
Supplies to Hewitt Baker, Jr., and family	13 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of P. Monahon	205 08
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Matilda W. Brown	192 13
Supplies to Ellen Goodrich, board and medical attendance	35 00
Allowance to Rebecca H. Thompson and family	14 21
Dr. French, for medical attendance to E. T. Coleman	23 75

Town of Pembroke, allowance to E. B. Howland and wife	$128 09
Supplies to Clarisa Winslow	33 00
Town of Hingham, allowance to John K. Newcomb	20 04
Abner Curtis, supplies to John Stoddard	11 44
	$1,781 00

Received and due from—

City of Taunton, for supplies to George Studley and family	$242 80
Town of Pembroke, for allowance to paupers	183 25
State, for allowance to paupers	120 75
Town of Hanover, allowance to paupers	69 31
Town of Hingham, allowance to paupers	59 62
Town of Westport, supplies to Mrs. Brownell	22 50
	$698 23

Total cost to the Town, $1,082.77.

Supplies to Almshouse.

Joseph H. Corthell, for meat	$108 65
Jonathan Hatch, for ice	6 00
J. C. Frye & Co., for butter	15 93
Stephen Benson, as superintendant to April 1	45 83
Thomas Tolman, for groceries, dry goods, &c	197 80
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for Jeremiah Gunderway	16 00
E. H. Bonney, for coal	48 20
J. G. Kaulback, Jr., for oil, molasses, tea, &c.	79 36
E. T. Fogg, for flour and grain	122 76
Eastman & Stevens, for tin ware	4 20
Duxbury & Cohasset R. R., for freight	1 25

Seth Foster, for stove fixtures, medicine and expressage	$8 80
Pratt & Fitch, for meat	23 18
Kimball & Co., for potatoes	4 98
Eleazer Hatch, for apples	2 00
E. T. Fogg, for groceries, dry goods, &c	200 70
Seth Foster, for potatoes and expressage	12 25
A. J. Waterman, for stove pipe	2 85
C W. Sparrell and others, for supplies	24 00
E. A. Turner, for clothing, &c	6 75
Superintendant, for supplies	55 96
Wood used but paid for last year	25 00
J. M. Healey, as superintendant 9 months, to Jan. 1	187 50
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance	7 50
	$1,207 45

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

By cash received for meals, lodgings, &c	$61 19
Provisions and groceries on hand more than last year	40 00
Board and lodgings of 98 vagrants	98 00
Due for board and use of lockup	8 00
Board of 8 3-37 paupers at $2.57 20-23 per week	1,000 26
	$1,207 45

The following persons are now inmates at the Almshouse: John Woodard, Nancy Damon, Siba Briggs, Mary Williams, Jefferson Damon, Antoinette Williams, Sarah Totman, C. D. Bishop.

Admitted during the year: Mary Williams, Antoinette Williams, Freddie Stoddard, Albert Stoddard, Ellen Goodrich, Elizabeth Stoddard.

Discharged: Elizabeth Stoddard, Albert Stoddard, Freddie Stoddard, Ellen Goodrich.

Died: Jeremiah Gunderway.

The Overseers of the Poor, in behalf of the town, take this opportunity of thanking Miss Rebecca Bowker, of Boston, for her generous gifts of turkeys to the inmates of our almshouse on Thanksgiving day for many years past, and may her kindness to the aged and infirm not go unrewarded.

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Received of—

Star of the East Division, for use of hall	$2 00
Steadfast Lodge of Good Templars	33 48
So. Scituate Brass Band	31 00
Bates and Pratt	6 00
C. Merrill	4 00
Old Colony Division	4 00
H. O. Webster	4 00
Sylvester & Merritt	3 00
John C. Nash & Co	8 00
	$95 48

Dr.

Paid—

C. W. Sparrell, for repairs	$3 00
For wood, $22.50; wax, $1.15	23 65
J. M. Healey, care of hall 6 nights	7 00
For oil, chimneys, brooms, &c	24 75
	$58 40

Balance in favor of hall, $37 08.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

C. W. Sparrell, for warning town meetings	$16 00
S. &. D. W. Turner, for repairs on almshouse	3 00
Joseph Easterbrook, for printing Assessors' and Reward Notices	6 65
Avery and Doten, for printing town reports	99 64
Brewer and Tileston, for school books	48 75
L. N. Osborne, for mason work	9 00
J. L. Hammett, for school books	50 92
E. Brown, for ladders	9 33
T. Tolman, for lumber, and cash paid for labor on fence	4 00
J. B. Howe & Co., for supplies to almshouse, 1874	8 15
E. T. Fogg, for stationery, postage, &c	8 58
J. Torrey & Co., for soap, 1874	8 95
Samuel Tolman, for services as Moderator and First Committee	11 20
Rand, Avery & Co., for printing Treasurer's books	23 00
Ansel G. Grose, for cow	36 00
Thomas Groom & Co., for stationery	8 50
Antoine Joseph and team, 2 days	8 00
Cash paid for advertising for almshouse keeper	4 50
J. L. Hammett, for school books	57 64
Joseph Merritt, 2d, for smith work	17 00
S. & D. W. Turner, for repairs on guide board	1 25
Seth Foster, for expressage, printing, &c	14 60
E. T. Fogg, whip for use of hearse	1 00
S. & D. W. Turner, for water trough on Circuit street	1 50
C. A. Litchfield, repairs on street signs and guide post	2 00
E. T. Fogg, for school books	59 41
B. P. Foster, for repairs on Mount Blue street, 1874	3 00
	$521 57

Amount Paid for Supplies out of Almshouse in 1874.

The bills not being received in season for last settlement in February, 1875.

Dr. W. R. Howes, bill for medical attendance to family of John Pierce, a State pauper	$68 75
Town of Abington and Town of Rockland, for supplies to John Stoddard and family	121 06
Town of Hanover, for allowance to Joshua F. Prince and family, 1873–4, State paupers	98 77
	$288 58

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—

C. A. Litchfield, for services as School Committee to March, 1875	$6 50
Lucy Turner, for services to Jan. 1, 1876	33 00
Emily T. Jacobs, for services to Jan. 1, 1876	35 00
Helen L. Fogg, for services to Jan. 1, 1876	30 00
C. W. Sparrell, for returning deaths to Town Clerk	7 25
C. A. Litchfield, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor to March, 1875	9 00
Edward Stowell, for same services	9 00
T. B. Waterman, for same services	4 00
E. T. Fogg, for registering marriages, births and deaths	26 50
C. A. Litchfield, for services as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and Committee to Jan. 1, 1876	132 00
Edward Stowell, for same services	135 00
T. B. Waterman, for same services	90 00
	$517 25

RECAPITULATION.

Repairs on highways	$1,985 99
Assistance out of almshouse	1,082 77
State aid	1,259 75
Removing snow	895 71
Abatement of taxes	54 17
Almshouse expenses	1,207 45
Incidentals	521 57
Repairs on school houses	359 71
Assistance out of the almshouse in 1874	288 58
Expenditures for schools	2,736 03
Special repairs on roads and bridges	717 61
Gravel	103 64
Town officers	517 25
State tax	1,520 00
County tax	1,272 79
	$14,523 02

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

Valuation of the Town, May 1, 1875.

Valuation of real estate	$659,007 00
Valuation of personal estate	223,398 00
	$882,405 00

Rate of taxation, $1.00 on $100.00.
Number of polls, 482.
Total number of dwelling houses, 405.
Cows, 253; horses, 286; sheep, 28.

Total tax for State, County and Town purposes	$9,770 05
Total for school books	24 60
Total for overlayings	18 00
Amount placed in hands of Collector,	$9,812 65

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1876.

Repairs of highways	$2,000 00
Support of schools	2,300 00
Support of poor, and incidental expenses	2,200 00
Removing snow	500 00
	$7,000 00

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, JAN. 1, 1876.

Notes in favor of—	
R. V. C. Turner	$575 00
Nathaniel Turner	300 00
J. C. Tolman	300 00
Ebenezer Stetson	200 00
Michael Ford	1,025 00
Harvey T. Sylvester	200 00
Charles W. Sylvester	470 00
Joseph T. Litchfield	725 00
South Scituate Savings Bank	957 00
Interest due on above notes	80 00
Amount due the several Schools, March 1	901 01
Bills outstanding, estimated at	150 00
Total amount of liabilities	$5,883 01

ASSETS OF THE TOWN JANUARY 1, 1876.

Outstanding taxes in hands of Collector	$2,697 47
Cash in hands of Treasurer	987 03
Due from State for State Aid	1,350 00
Due from towns, and State, for support of paupers	312 89
Due from State Corporation Tax	50 00
Due from County School Fund, estimated	150 00
Due from State School Fund.	275 00
Amount of school books in hands of agents	90 00
Total amount of assets	$5,912 39

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
T. B. WATERMAN,
} Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of South Scituate, Jan. 1, 1876.

Dr.		Cr.	
To assessment of May 1, 1875	$9,812 65	By cash paid on Selectmen's orders and Town allowances	$11,964 64
taxes outstanding Feb. 1, 1875	2,821 68	Scituate tax	12 01
cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1875	1,468 70	County tax	1,272 79
cash received from State for paupers	113 43	State tax	1,520 00
balance of Corporation tax of 1874	47 23	Notes and interest	2,897 39
dog fund of 1874	149 67	Discount for prompt payment of taxes	222 82
city of Taunton, for support of poor	216 44	Treasurer's and Collector's salary	100 00
received for pedlars' licenses	18 00	Taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1876	2,697 47
cash on note, So. Scituate Savings Bank	2,480 00	Cash on hand	987 03
received for sale of Fish rights	7 00		
sale of grass on Town flats	59 20		
Town of Westport, for aid to pauper	22 50		
received for sale of school books	107 32		
received for use of Town Hall	37 08		
cash rec'd for articles sold from Almshouse	5 23		
for Corporation tax, refunded by the State	1,262 63		
State Aid, refunded by the State	1,162 00		
Bank Tax, refunded by the State	1,848 19		
Town of Hanover, for allowance to pauper	35 00		
	$21,674 15		$21,674 15

Respectfully submitted, E. T. Fogg, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a Committee to settle with the Treasurer for the year ending January 1, 1876, find the above account correct, and satisfactorily vouched.

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
EDWARD STOWELL,
T. B. WATERMAN.

Town Clerk's Report.

I herewith present the Annual Report of Marriages, Births and Deaths, for the year 1875 :

The number of marriages recorded during the year was 24. Number of births registered, 31. Males, 18 ; females, 13.

The number of deaths was 29. Males, 10 ; females, 19. Number of deaths in proportion to the population was in the ratio of 1 to 62. The number of deaths in each month is as follows : February, 4 ; April, July and December, 3 each ; May, 7 ; June, August, October and November, 2 each ; and September, 1.

Should there appear any errors or omissions, in the record following, or if there has been any marriage, birth or death, in the town during the past year, or in former years, which has failed of being placed on record, I would respectfully request that the same be reported in writing to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. FOGG, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN SOUTH SCITUATE,

FOR THE YEAR 1875.

1875.

January 3. Abel A. Vinal, of South Scituate, and Lucy A. Fitts, of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

January 16. Charles Stevens and Mattie J. Allen, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

January 30. Levi N. Osborne and Julia M. Leavitt, both of South Scituate. By Rev. George Leonard.

March 20. William T. Hunt, of South Scituate, and Mary Ellen Damon, of Scituate. By Rev. E. A. Boyden.

April 10. Charles E. Whitmarsh and Abby S. Bowker, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

April 21. John Troy and Mary Gammon, both of South Scituate. By. Peter J. Leddy.

April 25. Lorenzo F. Cromwell and Lucy A. Thompson, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

June 9. William W. Gordack and Lucy Maria Vinal, both of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

June 13. George Lee and Rhoda T. Sylvester, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

July 2. Hosea Gardner, of South Scituate, and Anne Foster, of Hanson. By Rev. Jesse H. Jones.

July 4. James Stetson and Alice L. Merritt, both of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

July 13. Joseph B. Packard, of South Scituate, and Ella F. Hatch, of Marshfield. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

August 1. William W. Howe, of Weymouth, and Abby M. Vinal, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

August 4. William S. McFawn, of Weymouth, and Hannah B. Bowker, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

August 21. Herbert A. Reed, of Boston, and E. Josie Lucas, of South Scituate. By Rev. A. G. Jennings.

August 19. Charles E. Hyland, of Scituate, and Ella M. Prouty, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

August 19. William W. Apts and Henrietta M. Aineslie, both of Cohasset. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

September 8. Henry W. Cobbett, of Rockland, and Susie A. Leavitt, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

October 3. Calvin H. Talbot and Mary E. Prince, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Brooks.

October 28. Nathaniel Cushing, of Holliston, and Antoinett F. Briggs, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

November 25. James Litchfield, of South Scituate, and Martha J. Whiting, of Hanover. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

November 25. Joseph Frates, of Cohasset, and Maria Joseph, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

December 24. William F. Talbot, of South Scituate, and Florence L. Young, of Scituate. By Rev. Henry W. Foote.

December 26. Lucius Pierce, and Mary Gilmore, both of Raynham. By William A. Crockett.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1875.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	
Jan. 4.	Hattie Dearborn Hatch	John W. and Sarah E.	(Sylvester).*
Feb. 28.	Herbert Clarence Tilden...	Charles W. and Emma F.	(Turner).
Mar. 8.	Arthur Clarence Jones.....	George W. and Lucy A.	(Bates).
Mar. 27.	Charles Elmer Gardner.....	John N. and Elizabeth A.	(Smith).
April 4.	Robert Parker Nichols.....	B. Parker and Hannah C.	(Turner).
April 27,	Charles Delmore Potter, ...	William E. and Sarah W.	(Spencer).
June 4.	Ada Phillips Tilden.	Frank P. and Hattie A.	(Mott).
June 14,	Joseph T. Curtis.....	Seth A. and Hattie S.	(Hatch).
June 25.	Clara Anna Patterson.....	James H. and Adeline B.	(Talbot).
July 11,	——— White.....	William B. and Anna.	(Church).
July 25.	Merrial Winfred Vinal.....	William R. and Mary E.	(Farrar).
July 27.	Wilber Ralph Gardner	Wilber F. and Susan E.	(Ainsley).
July 27,	Harriet Bates..	Lorenzo and Mary C.	(Bates).
Aug. 13,	Warren Francis Cromwell..	Lorenzo F. and Lucy A.	(Thompson).
Aug. 20,	Bessie F. Grose.....	John D. and Lydia H.	(Hobart).
Aug. 23.	——— Stevens.....	Charles and Martha J.	(Allen).
Aug. 26.	Walter R. Barker, ...	Walter S. and Mary T.	(Cushing).
Aug. 31,	Melinda Lewis Loring.....	James L. and Angelia.	(Laws).
Aug. 31.	Annie Winnifred Vining...	Israel L. and Nancy J.	(Mathews).
Aug. 31.	Israel Hatch, Jr.....	Israel and Josephine.	(McRoy).
Sept. 1,	Mabel Mahala Richardson..	Andrew S. and Mahala D.	(Brown).
Sept. 1.	Dora Hamlin Lynch.....	Michael and Bridget.	(Farrall).
Sept. 8,	——— Osborne.....	Levi N. and Julia M.	(Leavitt).
Sept. 21,	George Henry Prince	Joshua and Charlotte H.	(Sylvester).
Sept. 28,	Eva May Tilden.....	D. Phillip and Lottie R.	(Warrall).
Sept. 30,	Wallace Fletcher Hunt.....	William T. and Mary E.	(Damon).
Oct. 13,	Edwin Leroy Berry.....	Ferdinand M. and Eliza A.	(Rideout).
Oct. 29,	Martha Melissa Thomas....	Alpheus and Lucy A.	(Penniman).
Nov. 14,	Alonzo Freeman Wilder....	George A. and Amelia L.	(French).
Nov. 16,	Lucy W. Cushing.....	Delmot O. and Hattie M.	(Waters).
Dec. 12,	——— Hyland..... .	Charles E. and Ella M.	(Prouty).

* Maiden name of mother.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1875.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			CAUSE.	BIRTHPLACE.
		Y	M	D		
Feb. 9,	Nathaniel B. Sylvester,	62	..	..	Heart Disease	Scituate.
Feb. 13,	Jeremiah Gunderway.	87	..	..	Old Age.....	Western Islands
Feb. 20,	Lucy M. Foster.....	80	..	..	Old Age.....	
Feb. 20,	Sally Farrar.....	61	3	..	Pneumonia.....	South Scituate.
April 11,	Sybil Stetson.....	92	..	..	Old Age.....	Scituate.
April 23,	Luther Damon.....	73	7	..	Erysipelas	South Scituate.
April 25,	Mary G. Colman.....	1	9	18	Dropsy on Brain....	
May 2,	Arthur P. Turner....	8	3	..	Scarlet Fever	California.
May 9,	Lydia Damon.....	70	8	..	Typhoid Fever.....	South Scituate.
May 11,	Flora J. Turner.....	10	..	..	Scarlet Fever	South Scituate.
May 18,	Susan Barnard.....	24	..	..	Consumption	Boston.
May 21,	James W. Hunt.....	17	..	..	Drowned	South Scituate.
May 23,	Carl W. Studley.....	5	2	..	Pneumonia.....	South Scituate.
May 27,	Phebe M. Brownell...	66	..	..	Pneumonia.....	Westport.
June 10,	Tilden L. Clapp.....	67	6	..	Consumption	South Scituate.
June 17,	Eliza Torrey.....	77	..	..	Pneumonia.....	Marshfield.
July 5,	Caroline ——.....	73	..	..	Apoplexy.....	Scituate.
July 5,	Anna White.....	21	6	12	Childbirth.....	South Scituate.
July 17,	Hannah Kender.....	87	9	..	Old Age.....	Pembroke.
Aug. 21,	Frank E. Beach.....	1	6	..	Consumption	South Scituate.
Aug. 22,	Ann R. Humphrey...	55	1	..	Consumption	Cambridgeport.
Sept. 27,	Luther S. Casneau ...	27	2	..	Consumption	South Scituate.
Oct. 5,	Annie B. Williams....	15	7	..	Typhoid Pneumonia,	Dartmouth.
Oct. 9.	Florence M. Green ...	1	11	..	Membrane Croup ...	South Scituate.
Nov. 6.	George Clapp.....	61	9	..	Cancerous Humor...	South Scituate.
Nov. 12,	Susanna C. Bowker...	52	7	..	Consumption	Boston.
Dec. 13.	Mary Sylvester	67	3	1	Paralysis	South Scituate.
Dec. 26.	Deborah C. Briggs....	74	..	10	Bright's Disease of Kidneys	
Dec. 28,	Ellen M. Hyland.....	21	1	11	Typhoid Fever.....	Hingham.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE,

FOR THE

School Year 1875-6.

School Report.

The Committee, in presenting their Annual Report, are glad to be able to speak so favorably of the schools under their supervision. Never, since our connection with them, have they been so prosperous as a whole. All, indeed, are not equally good. *None* fully realize our ideal of what a school should be, yet in all, there has been gratifying progress.

Various causes have conspired to produce so desirable a result. The town for several years has given its schools a more generous support, enabling the committee to secure better teachers, and longer retain their services. A quickened interest is also felt by many of the parents in the progress of their children (certainly in some sections of the town), as evidenced by their presence at the examinations, and occasional visits to the schools at other times. We have had, too, an excellent corps of teachers the past year—some of them for several successive years—who have been devoted to their work, and labored faithfully and efficiently. To *them* the credit is mainly due for the improved condition of our schools. Our scholars, also, very many of them, have nobly im-

proved their opportunities, and endeavored to prepare every lesson thoroughly. Let the same love of study animate all, attended with like diligence and perseverance, and our schools would be models of excellence ; for no intellectual resources of the teacher, or skill in imparting instruction, can compensate for the lack of personal application on the part of the pupils. Every thing really worth having is the purchase of toil and earnest effort, and learning certainly forms no exception to the rule. Improved methods of teaching, however, greatly lighten the learner's tasks and facilitate his progress Formerly the memory was almost the only faculty cultivated, and children were required to repeat verbatim a great deal they but imperfectly comprehended, and hence soon forgot ; but now juster ideas of education prevail, and our teachers strive to cultivate the reasoning powers, and by illustration and explanation to lead their pupils to a full understanding of what they learn.

We think, however, some of our teachers are still too much confined to text books, and would recommend devoting more time to oral instruction. We heartily approve the manner of reciting by topics already practiced to a considerable extent in our schools, and we much prefer to have the scholars give the thoughts of the author in their own words than repeat his language. The acquisition of ideas, rather than words, is the object to be sought. The mission of the teacher is not only to give instruction, but to awaken the dormant faculties of the

mind, to develop and call into activity its latent powers, to teach the child to observe, to think, to reason, to analyze, to *use* the knowledge gained. A noble work, truly, and rich in far-reaching results.

Much has been said in former Reports of the evils resulting from irregular attendance, and they can hardly be over-estimated. This continues to be one of the greatest drawbacks to the prosperity of our schools, but the percentage of attendance is gradually improving. A large number of our scholars are inspired by a noble ambition to be punctually in their places every day, and are only detained at home by sickness or necessity, and these scholars almost invariably rank high in their classes. Our Roll of Honor is year by year enlarging, and some whose names do not appear are equally deserving of credit, as their absence was occasioned by no fault of theirs. Year before last there were six scholars not absent during the year ; last year, fifteen ; this year, twenty. Last year there were fifty-five not absent one term ; this year, eighty-two ; also, thirty-two not absent two terms.

The usefulness of our schools is often impaired by adverse criticism and thoughtless remarks respecting teachers. Nothing should ever be said in the presence of children to weaken their confidence in their instructors. If a parent or guardian disapproves of the methods of instruction or discipline pursued in any school, let him seek an interview with the teacher, and calmly talk the matter over ; and we feel confident that in nearly every in-

stance a full knowledge of facts, with a statement of the motives and purposes of the teacher, will remove disaffection, and secure sympathy and support. Our teachers are not infallible, and doubtless sometimes make mistakes, but we believe they aim to do their best, and would accomplish much more did they have the hearty co operation of all the parents.

We have encouraged our teachers in devoting much attention to Reading. To be a good reader we consider a great accomplishment, and it is highly important children should be taught aright from the very commencement. In some of our schools even the younger pupils read so distinctly, and with so much beauty of expression, it is a real pleasure to listen to them. We want *all* to have the same careful training. Some of our advanced scholars are studying Algebra and History, but Geography, Grammar, and Arithmetic, with Reading, Writing, and Spelling, are the main branches of study pursued. We want our scholars to obtain a thorough, practical knowledge of these, and then they will have laid the foundation of a good English education, upon which they may successfully build in after years.

In Districts Nos. 1 and 2, the schools are so large, assistant teachers have been employed for two hours each day throughout the year. Our townsmen in that section have made many and earnest appeals for better and more extensive accommodations for their children, and we should fail in an important duty did we neglect to reiterate

those appeals. The school-houses in those Districts are not adapted to the use of two teachers, and we would suggest that an addition be made to each of them, so as to furnish a recitation room for the use of each assistant. Two classes reciting simultaneously in the same room, distract the attention and cause much confusion.

In many of our school-rooms the ventilation is very imperfect, and we speak of it with the hope that in the future more attention may be paid to a subject so intimately connected with the health of our children.

For the present term the committee were under the necessity of employing a new corps of teachers, with a single exception; but all are prosecuting their labors with zeal and ability, and give promise of success.

We present the following detailed report of our schools:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

This school, during the winter and spring, was under the instruction of Miss Hattie R. Gardner. At the close of the latter term, she resigned, and Miss Rebecca C. Brooks was invited to reoccupy her former position. Throughout the year, this school has fully sustained its previous good character. The discipline has been good, the instruction thorough, and substantial progress has been made in the different studies pursued.

Not Absent for the Year:

Flora L. Prouty, Inez A. Loring, Mary E. Cowing, Emma B. Poole, Helen J. Cowing, Eunice W. Loring, Henry E. Spear, Frank A. Prouty, John L. Loring, Charlie W. Thomas and George Cowing.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Carrie E. Simmons, Annie C. Thomas, Mabel R. Welch, Arthur T. Stoddard, Willie C. Young, Allie W. Thomas, H. Clinton Gardner, George H. Lapham, Wilfred C. Bowker and R. P. B. Lowell.

Not Absent for One Term:

E. Josie Young, Josie A. Prouty, Ellie D. Jones, Fred A. Stoddard, John C. Wilder, Frank W. Leavitt, Lonnie Prouty, Freddie Curtis, John Collamore, Freddie Farrar, Lennie Damon and Charlie Totman.

By mistake the names of Inez A. Loring, Eunice W. Loring and John L. Loring were omitted from last year's report. They should have been recorded as not absent during two terms.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 56; average attendance, 48; percentage, .85.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 58; average attendance, 51; percentage, .88.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 61; average attendance, 53; percentage, .87.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .87.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school has enjoyed the continuous services of Miss Maria Jacobs between three and four years, and its steady advancement proves the wisdom of retaining the same teacher in the same place. At the fall examination it appeared remarka-

bly well. Perfect order prevailed, and the recitations were very prompt, giving evidence of careful teaching and persevering study.

Not Absent for the Year:

Fred. B Jacobs.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Carrie A. Damon, Mellie P. Stevens, Etta M. Stoddard, Aggie M. Shea, Henry A. Damon, I. Arthur Sanborn, J. Alvah Stoddard and Allie H. Loring.

Not Absent for One Term:

Grace H. Jacobs, Annie M. Stoddard, E. Everett Jacobs, Bertie L. Measures, Bennie Loring, Walter R. Brooks, Horace L. Sears and Clifton O. Sanborn.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 44; average attendance, 34; percentage, .77.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 56; average attendance, 44; percentage, .79.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 47; percentage, .85.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .81.

DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Miss Abby M. Vinal had charge of this school during the winter and spring terms, and discharged her duties to the satisfaction of the Committee. She resigned during the summer vacation, and Miss Mary Alice Hunt, a competent and faithful teacher was employed for the fall term. The children in this school are most of them young, and, taken as a whole, not as far advanced as in most of our other schools. We think, how-

ever, as much improvement has been made here during the last two or three years, as in any school in town. The scholars would appear to much better advantage if they spoke in louder tones and more distinctly.

Not Absent for the Year :

Flora M, Sprague and Jane F. Richardson.

Not Absent for Two Terms :

Nellie A. Simmons, Addie Simmons, Charles E. Damon, Willie T. Richardson and Andrew L. Richardson.

Not Absent for One Term :

Annie Richardson, Virginia Lincoln, Bertie A. Simmons, Lillie Prouty, Emma G. Litchfield, Emma Sprague, Herbert Litchfield, George Litchfield, Arthur C. Litchfield, Elmer E. Cozneau, Jesse F. Damon, Everett E. Litchfield, Charles F. Litchfield and Jesse Reed.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 40 ; average attendance, 33 ; percentage, .83.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 38 ; average attendance, 31 ; percentage, .82.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 39 ; average attendance, 30 ; percentage, .78.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .81.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This school remained under the tuition of Miss Emily S. Brown, its previous teacher, during the winter term, and the examination at its close showed commendable progress. Miss Anna Tolman was appointed her successor, and entered upon her labors with enthusiasm, and soon won the confidence and affection of her pupils. The school was managed with tact and

ability, and made rapid improvement. Reading should receive special attention in this school, and more life and energy in recitation would add greatly to its general appearance.

Not Absent for the Year:

Hannah Merritt and Louis Ellms.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Josie Hayden.

Not Absent for One Term:

Lizzie Brown, Amalia Merritt, Irene Hayden, Urania Leavitt, Flora Leavitt, Eddie Brown, Willie Briggs, Willie Clapp, Fred. Curtis and Robert Leavitt.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 39; average attendance, 32; percentage, 82.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 31; percentage, .89.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 38; average attendance, 34; percentage, .89.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .87.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

During another year this school has been favored with the services of Miss Martha W. Brooks, one of our best and most successful teachers. Intense life and activity characterize the school. Due attention has been given to each scholar and each study, nothing apparently being overlooked or neglected, and the pleasantest relations exist between parents, pupils and teacher.

We record with sadness the death of two members of this school, one, a little boy of five summers, the other, a young lady of more than usual promise, talented, amiable, and greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Not Absent for the Year:

Mary L. Nash and Albert L. Sparrell.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Mary E. Sparrell and C. Walter Sparrell.

Not Absent for One Term:

Nellie H. Fogg, Mabel R. Hatch, Annie B. Williams, Etta M. Flint, L. Frank Hammond, John E. Leslie, Willie L. Flint, E. Willie French, Harry S. Merritt, Willie F. Lawrence and Horace T. Fogg.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 34; percentage, .83.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 46; average attendance, 36; percentage, .78.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 45; average attendance, 41; percentage, .91.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .84.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school during the winter and spring continued in charge of Miss Mary L. Ells, who had been its instructor most of the time for several years, and who conducted it acceptably to the Committee and the people generally. Miss Sarah Gardner (who had taught several years successfully in an adjoining town) was engaged for the fall term. She commenced her labors with energy and ability, but got badly poisoned, which so affected her eyes, she was obliged to relinquish her position after teaching eight weeks. The Committee made earnest but ineffectual efforts to obtain a suitable teacher to finish the term. We mean, however, that the children of this District shall enjoy equal advantages with others, and intend to prolong the present term.

Not Absent for the Year:

Annie Turner and Frank J. Turner.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Lizzie M. Turner, Ellen Greene and John Monahon.

Not Absent for One Term:

Nettie Dana, Hannah Jacobs, Annie Nichols, Annie Greene, Carrie M. Davie, Walter Jacobs, Eddie Jacobs, Francis Monahon, Thomas Monahon, Willie Monahon, Bernard N. Litchfield and Gussie Litchfield.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 18; percentage, .80.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 24; percentage, .87.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 28; average attendance, 26; percentage, .92.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .87.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The winter term of this school was taught by Miss Susie A. Oakman. Mutual good feeling prevailed. The teacher endeavored to do her best, but suffered greatly from poor health. In the spring Miss Deborah N. Hatch was employed, and commenced her work with over fifty pupils, but in a few weeks an alarming sickness began to prevail; two bright, interesting children were suddenly removed by death, and the school sadly interrupted. The fall term was a highly successful one, and Miss Hatch is deserving of great credit. Under her management the school rapidly improved in all respects, and now ranks among the best in town.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Angela B. Ford, Edith G. Ford and Alfred Tolman.

Not Absent for One Term:

Flora J. Turner, Hattie E. Vinal, Velma L. Stetson, Lucy B. Clark, Genevieve A. Knapp, Mattie Knapp, Susie D. Litchfield, Chauncey D. Ford, Arthur Turner, Lester B. Stetson, Charles E. T. Sylvester, Henry H. Gardner, James H. Hewitt, W. Eddie Litchfield and Tommie E. Waterman.

Winter Term—Number of scholars, 47; average attendance. 36; percentage, .78.

Spring Term—Number of scholars, 44; average attendance. 35; percentage, .80.

Fall Term—Number of scholars, 45; average attendance. 38; percentage, .84.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .81.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY TURNER,
EMILY T. JACOBS,
HELEN L. FOGG,
} *School Committee.*

South Scituate, Jan. 21st, 1876.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of South Scituate present for the consideration of the Town, the *Twenty-Seventh* Annual Report for the year ending January 1, 1877.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

There has been expended the past year for extra and ordinary repairs, $2,368.77, it being $334.83 less than last year. The repairs on Grove street are not yet completed, the work being in charge of Pyam Jacobs, who is to receive $200 for the same when completed.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The house in District 1 has been enlarged at an expense of $1,114.94 including furniture. It has now two good rooms of sufficient size for the accommodation of the children in that district.

The new school house in District 2 is not yet complete but will be ready for use in the coming spring. The building is 43½x28 feet, two stories, and will accommodate about one hundred scholars.

TOWN HALL AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

The amounts paid on the above have been $627.76. There should be deducted from this amount $101.19 for sale of underpinning stone and brick. We believe that all bills contracted on the same have been paid, unless the contractor should present one which as yet he has failed to do.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

The cost for support of the poor out of almshouse the past year has been $1,700.21. There has been received and is due from State and towns, for allowance, $703.47, making a total cost to the town of $996.74, or $86.03 less than the cost to the town for eleven months in 1875. The questions of settlement of paupers between this town and the towns of Hanover and Pembroke have been amicably settled.

The cost for support of poor in the almshouse has been $1,455.21. We have, however, the past year, purchased an extra amount of bedding and furniture and also a new cooking range, and a part of the expense should be deducted from cost of support of inmates the present year. There has also been furnished meals and lodgings to 478 tramps, at a probable cost of $125. They are allowed crackers, molasses and cheap coffee. They are placed in the prison house, under lock and key; a fire is furnished them, also blankets and straw for bedding. They have usually behaved well, although some of them are disposed to find fault with our mode of treatment. The largest number on any one night was 16.

The prison house was damaged by fire on Sunday evening, December 24th, and had it not been for the timely assistance of those living in that vicinity the building must have been destroyed. The cause was probably a defective flue, and to those who rallied at the alarm and fought the flames which threatened to destroy a large amount of property, are worthy of at least, the thanks of the town. The building was damaged to the amount of about $50. The expense of repairs, however, will not appear in this report.

By courtesy of George G. Dyer, Esq., executor of the will of Thomas Coffin, late of Plymouth, we have been furnished a copy of that portion of Mr. Coffin's will that relates to this Town, which is as follows:

"I give to the town of South Scituate in said Commonwealth, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, in Trust; nevertheless to expend so much of the net income as in the judgment of the Selectmen shall be necessary for the proper care

of my family lot in the Cemetery in said town, and the balance of said income, after said expenditure, to be applied in aid of the needy poor of said town, not resident in the Almshouse, according to the judgment of the Overseers of the Poor."

The question of paying an assessment of one per cent. on 418 shares of stock subscribed by this town to the capital stock of the Plymouth County Rail Road Company, was by vote of the town referred to Messrs. Harris & Tucker for their opinion.

They have reported to us their opinion in the case, and have also cited decisions of the Supreme Court which coincide with their opinion, "*That the town is not liable to pay any assessment on the shares of said stock.*"

REPAIRS ON ROADS.

District No. 1.

Paid Alpheus Thomas, nine days at $1.75,	$15 75
Horse and cart, 8½ days at 1.50,	12 75
I. L. Vining, 13 days at 1.50,	19 50
Horse and cart, 8½ days at 1.50,	12 75
H. W. Penniman, 21½ days at 1.50,	32 25
Charles J. Ford, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
A. W. Thomas, 3 days at 1.00,	3 00
Austin Whiting, 1½ days at 1.50,	2 25
J. W. Penniman, 21 days at 1.50,	31 50
Edgar F. Poole, 9 days at 1.33,	12 00
Isaac Burrell, horse and cart, 7½ days,	11 25
Ansel G. Grose, horse and cart 1 day,	1 50
Pyam Jacobs, 6 days at 1.50,	9 00
Pyam Jacobs, oxen and tools,	7 50
William Prouty, horse and cart 7 days,	10 50
D. Barnes, 8½ days at 1.50,	12 75

Paid B. W. Prouty, ½ day at 1.50,	$0 75
L. W. Ford, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
	$201 00

ALPHEUS THOMAS, *Surveyor.*

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid R. P. Briggs, 15 days at 1.75,	$26 25
W. S. Briggs, 19 days at 1.50,	28 50
A. Damon, 6 days at 1.50,	9 00
E. Brown, 6 days at 1.50,	9 00
A. Curtis, 3 days at 1.50,	4 50
W. Damon, 5 days at 1.50,	7 50
P. Pierce, 4½ days at 1.50,	6 75
A. Clapp, 8½ days at 1.50,	12 75
M. Gammon, 18 days at 1.50,	27 00
E. Gammon, 3½ days at 1.50,	5 25
B. Barrell, 7 days at 1.50,	10 50
J. G. Briggs, 5½ days at 1.50,	8 25
J. S. Clapp, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
I. Sanborn, 3½ days at 1,50,	5 25
L. Jacobs, 3½ days at 1.50,	5 25
H. Sears,	60
S. Damon,	6 25
L. Damon,	3 50
S. Curtis,	3 50
J. Warner,	8 50
W. S. & R. P. Briggs, two horses and carts 17½ days at $3.00,	52 50
B. Jacobs and team 1 day at 4.00,	4 00
B. Jacobs and team 6 days at 3.25,	19 50
J. Clapp and team 6 days at 3.25,	19 50
A. Clapp, horse and cart 6½ days,	9 75
E. Jacobs and team 3 days at 3.25,	9 75
J. G. Briggs, horse and cart 3 days,	4 50
D. Damon, 2½ days at 1.50,	3 75
	$314 35

R. P. BRIGGS, *Surveyor.*

District No. 3.

Paid Walter Simmons, 34 days at $1.75,	$59 50
Oxen and cart 17½ days at 2.25,	61 87
Horse and cart 25 days at 1.50,	37 50
David W. Studley, 29½ days at 1.50,	44 50
G. H. Damon, 10 days at 1.50,	15 00
Pyam Jacobs, with team 3 days,	12 00
Liba Litchfield, with team 1 day,	4 00
H. Stoddard, 25 days at 1.50,	37 50
J. H. Studley, 3½ days at 1.50,	5 25
E. W. Sprague, 27 days at 1.00,	27 00
W. E. Studley, 11½ days at 1.00	11 50
Walter Studley, 3 days at 1.00,	3 00
H. L. Studley, 6 days at 1.50,	9 00
Henry Damon, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
Owen Sprague, 5 days at 1.50,	7 50
Walter Simmons, poles and posts for bridge,	50
	$337 12

Walter Simmons, *Surveyor.*

District No. 4.

Paid Martin Cushing, 26 days at 1.75,	$46 55
Horse and cart, 25½ days at 1.50,	38 25
Henry T. Jenkins, 23 days at 1.50,	34 50
George W. Wilder, 4 days at 1.50,	6 00
John F. Wilder, 11½ days at 1.50,	17 25
Charles Studley, 4 days at 1.50,	6 00
John W. Hatch, 7½ days at 1.50,	11 25
John Freeman, 9½ days at 1.50,	14 25
Martin S. Curtis, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
John F. Turner, 3 days at 1.25,	3 75
Alfred B. Briggs, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
John H. Turner, 12 days at 1.50,	18 00

Paid Henry L. Studley, 12 days at 1.50,	$18 00
E. L. Brown, 6⅜ days at 1.50,	9 56
H. L. Studley, horse and cart 11 days at 1.50,	16 50
John F. Turner, 1 day at 1.00,	1 00
Harvey H. Jenkins, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
Martin S. Curtis, horse and cart one day,	1 50
Antoine Joseph, one day at 1.50,	1 50
Antoine Joseph, oxen ¾ day,	1 50
John Cushing, 1 day,	1 50
John H. Turner, horse and cart 1 day,	1 50
	$255 86

MARTIN CUSHING, *Surveyor.*

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid B. P. Foster, 20½ days at 1.75,	$35 87
Nathan Sylvester, 18 days at 1.50,	27 00
George Sylvester, 12½ days at 1.50,	18 75
I. Packard, 9½ days at 1.50,	14 25
C. Cromwell, 6 days at 1.50,	9 00
Daniel Ewell, 5½ days at 1.50,	8 25
David Stoddard, 8 days at 1.50,	12 00
William Stoddard, 9 days at 1.50,	13 50
Austin Stoddard, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
B. P. Foster, horse and cart, 11 days,	11 00
S. Clapp, 5 days with oxen and cart at 3.25,	16 25
S. C. Cudworth, 6 days with oxen and cart at 3.25,	19 50
William Sylvester, 11½ days with oxen and cart at 3.25,	37 37
Amos T. Litchfield, 9 days with oxen and cart at 3.25,	29 25
Charles Sylvester, 3 days at 1.50,	4 50
I. Packard, 22 days at 1.00,	22 00
A. Merritt, 11 days at 1.00,	11 00
	$290 99

B. P. FOSTER, *Surveyor.*

District No. 6.

Paid Colman Ford, 16 days at 1.75,					$28 00
Oxen and cart, 17 days at 1.75,					29 75
William Griffin,	34	"	"	1.50,	44 88
A. Totman,	1	"	"	"	1 50
Luke G. Fitts,	5	"	"	"	7 50
Cushing Hatch,	2	"	"	"	3 00
Quincy Baker,	5	"	"	1.25,	6 25
Elias Carr,	6	"	"	1.50,	9 00
C. H. Litchfield,	4½	"	"	"	6 75
Seth O. Fitts,	5½	"	"	"	8 25
H. Griggs,	2	"	"	"	3 00
John Tilden,	2	"	"	"	3 00
S. H. Turner,	9	"	"	1.00	9 00
Thos. Monahon,	12	"	"	.75	9 00
Frank Turner,	2½	"	"	"	1 88
George Hatch, 7 days at .75,					5 25
Reuben Griggs, 4 days at 1.50,					6 00
E. Holmes, 2 days at 1.25,					2 50
S. B. Gardner, 5 days at 1.00,					5 00
Carlton Pincin, 3⅓ days at .75,					2 50
Patrick Spellman, 6 days at 1.00,					6 00
R. Griggs, 5½ days at 1.25,					6 88
Frank Dana, 4 days at 1.00,					4 00
George Totman, 2½ days at 1.00,					2 50
J. Ford with horse and cart, ½ day,					1 25
G. Totman with horse and cart 4 days at 2.50,					10 00
Colman Ford, horse team 2 days at 1.25,					2 50
					$225 14

Colman Ford, *Surveyor.*

District No. 7.

Paid Peter Hart, 33½ days at 1.75,	$58 62
Charles C. Pratt, with oxen and cart, 7½ days at 3.16⅔,	23 75

Paid Josiah Stoddard with oxen and cart 8½ days at 3.16⅔,	$26 92
Henry A. Turner with oxen and cart 8 days at 3.16⅔,	25 33
Abner Stetson with oxen and cart 8 days at 3.16⅔,	25 33
Elijah Barstow with oxen and cart 2 days at 3.16⅔,	6 33
William C. Tolman with oxen and cart 6½ days at 3.16⅔,	20 58
J. Stoddard, oxen and cart ½ day,	92
W. C. Tolman, " " " "	92
Peter Hart, horse and cart 6½ days,	6 50
Mathew Stetson, 6 days at 1.33⅓,	8 00
Heman Damon, 8½ " " "	11 33
John McCurdy, 5½ " " "	7 33
James Smith, 7 " " "	9 33
W. B. Barker, 8½ " " "	11 33
W. Briggs, 2 " " "	2 67
C. H. Merritt, 2 " " "	2 67
John Beale, 6 " " "	8 00
W. F. Gardner, 6 " " "	8 00
Amos Vinal, 6½ " " "	8 67
John E. Hewett, 8½ " " "	11 34
Geo. Chamberlain, 6½ " "	8 67
Wm. Sylvester, 5½ " " "	7 33
S. N. Chamberlain, 4 days at 1.00,	4 00
W. S. Barker, 2 days at 1.33⅓,	2 67
W. T. Sylvester, 1½ days at 1.33⅓,	2 00
Gilbert Currell, 4 days at 1.33⅓,	5 33
Peter Hart, horse and cart 2½ days,	2 50
John S. Barker for railing bridges,	10 00
	$326 37

PETER HART, *Surveyor.*

Total amount paid to Surveyors, $1,950.83.

Paid for gravel,—

District No. 1.	Alpheus Thomas,	$6 20
" " 2.	R. P. Briggs,	20 56
" " 3.	Walter Simmons,	8 52
" " 4.	Martin Cushing,	12 61
" " 5.	B. P. Foster,	29 16
" " 6.	Colman Ford,	3 50
" " 7.	Peter Hart,	24 96
		$105 51

PAID FOR GRADING SCHOOL HOUSE YARDS.

District No. 1,—

Paid J. W. Penniman, 7½ days at 1.50,	$11 25
H. W. Penniman, 5 days at 1.50,	7 50
B. W. Prouty, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
W. Prouty, horse and cart,	1 00
Cash paid for Printing,	1 25
Total,	$22 40

District No. 2,—

Paid R. P. Briggs, 6 days,	$9 00
W. S. Briggs, 6 days,	9 00
Horses and carts,	15 00
B. Jacobs and team 2 days,	6 00
A. Damon, 3 days,	4 50
S. Damon, 2½ days,	3 75
E. Brown,	4 75
J. Warner,	6 75
E. Jacobs, team 1 day,	3 50
I. Sanborn,	1 50
J. Clapp, team 1 day,	3 00
J. G. Briggs, 3 days,	4 50
S. Curtis,	5 00
M. Gammon,	9 00
D. Damon, 3½ days,	5 25
Total,	$90 00

District No. 3,—

Paid Liba Litchfield, 2½ days at 1.50,	$3 75
W. Richardson, 2½ days at 1.50,	3 75
W. H. Merritt, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
Liba Litchfield, oxen and cart 2½ days at 1.50,	5 00
Total,	$15 50

District No. 4,—

Paid Martin Cushing, 1½ days at 1.75,	$2 62
Horse and cart 1½ days,	2 25
John Freeman, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
Total,	$6 37

District No. 6,—

Paid Colman Ford and team 3 days,	$10 50
W. Griffin, 3 days at 1.50,	4 50
Elias Carr, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
John Tilden, 2 days at 1.50,	3 00
C. H. Litchfield, 3 days at 1.50,	4 50
George Totman, horse and cart 1 day,	2 50
Herbert Turner, 1½ days at 1.00,	1 50
George Totman, 1 day at 1.00,	1 00
T. Monahon, 2 days at .75,	1 50
J. Ford, horse and one day,	2 50
Quincy Baker, ½ day at 1.25,	62
Frank Turner, 1 day at 1.00,	1 00
C. Ford, horse and scraper 1½ days,	1 50
Reuben Griggs, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
Seth O. Fitts, 1 day at 1.50,	1 50
Total,	$40 62

Extra Repairs on Roads and Bridges.

Repairs on River street, near Elnathan Cushing's,—

Paid B. P. Foster, 10 days at 1.75,	$17 50

Paid George Sylvester, 10 days at 1.50,	$15 00
Nathan Sylvester, 7½ days at 1.50,	11 25
Charles Sylvester, 4½ days at 1.50,	6 75
Daniel Ewell, 4½ days at 1.50,	6 75
Sylvanus Clapp, 4½ days with team at 3.25,	14 62
W. Sylvester, 4½ days with team at 3.25,	14 62
Elnathan Cushing for gravel,	12 90
Total,	$99 39

REPAIRS ON MOUNT HOPE STREET AND BRIDGE.

Paid Lawrence McGough, as per contract,	$200 00
David Stockbridge, for land and gravel,	9 00
Liba Litchfield, for damage,	5 00
David Stockbridge, for posts, railing and labor,	25 25
	$239 25
John Beale, for labor on bridge near Methodist Church,	6 50
Pyam Jacobs, for removing rock in District 4,	10 00

DRAIN PIPE IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

Day, Collins & Co.,	60 72
Joseph Merritt, for iron work for drains,	2 08
	$62 80
Total for drain pipe and extra repairs.	$417 94

ORDINARY EXPENSES ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

District No. 1,—

Paid D. Barnes, for cleaning house,	$5 00
J. H. Prouty, for pails, brooms, &c.	2 84
A. Thomas, for bell, crayons, ink, &c.,	4 19

Paid James House, for repairs,	$1 50
W. O. Haskell & Son, for furniture,	11 26
	$24 79
Less for cash received for sale of old zinc,	1 00
	$23 79

ALPHEUS THOMAS, *Agent.*

District No. 2,—

Paid Simeon Damon, cleaning house and furniture,	$5 10
" " for lumber and repairs,	6 75
	$11 85

SIMEON DAMON, *Agent.*

District No. 3,—

Paid F. H. Curtis, for lumber and repairs,	$9 82
Freeman Damon, for repairs,	4 50
G. W. Whitten, for stove, pipe, &c.	17 70
D. D. Sprague, for repairs on school house and well,	22 40
	$54 42

DANIEL SPRAGUE, *Agent.*

District No. 4,—

Paid C. A. Litchfield, cleaning house and repairs,	$4 50

C. A. LITCHFIELD, *Agent.*

District No. 5,—

Paid C. W. Sparrell, for repairs,	$18 40

E. T. FOGG, *Agent.*

District No. 6,—

Paid B. W. Jacobs, cleaning house and repairs,	$9 50
Samuel Turner, for repairs,	2 50
	$12 00

B. W. JACOBS, *Agent.*

District No. 7,—

Paid W. C. Tolman, cleaning house,	$6 00
John S. Barker, for repairs,	5 00
W. C. Tolman, for repairs and supplies,	11 18
F. A. Davis, for repairs,	11 09
H. W. Barstow, mason work,	25 00
Snow Bryant, painting,	2 40
	$60 67

W C. Tolman, *Agent.*

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1

Paid Miss Tirrell, for teaching,	$108 00
Alice Simmons, for teaching,	68 00
R. C Brooks, for teaching,	190 80
Carrie Simmons, for teaching,	16 80
F. Stoddard, making fires,	3 00
Curtis Bros., for wood,	11 00
Pyam Jacobs, for wood,	4 50
E. Jacobs, for wood,	2 00
Cash paid for fitting and housing,	5 25
	$409 35

District No. 2.

Paid Maria Jacobs, for teaching,	$333 00
Isabella Farrar, for teaching,	34 50
Mrs. J. H. Studley, for teaching,	18 00
Simeon Damon, for wood, fitting and housing,	34 25
Simeon Damon, for making fires,	3 00
	$422 75

District No. 3.

Paid Franklin Jacobs, for teaching,	$336 00
Pyam Jacobs, for wood,	20 00
Freeman Damon, for wood and fitting,	3 94
W. T. Richardson, making fires,	3 00
	$362 94

District No. 4.

Paid Emma H. Torrey, for teaching,	$192 00
N. S. Keith, for teaching,	108 00
L. C. Hatch, for wood,	10 00
F. M. Curtis, for making fires,	3 00
C. A. Litchfield, for wood, fitting and housing,	13 50
	$326 50

District No. 5.

Paid Mrs. G. H. Robbins, for teaching,	$120 00
Martha W. Brooks, for teaching,	216 00
Mary Sparrell, for teaching,	12 00
C. H. Lawrence, for making fires,	3 00
H. T. Sylvester, for wood,	4 00
N. B. Clapp, for wood,	3 00
E. T. Fogg, for wood, fitting and housing,	12 75
	$370 75

District No. 6.

Paid D. T. Howard, for teaching,	$150 00
Mr. Knapp, for teaching,	108 00
Emma Judkins, for teaching,	90 00
F. Turner, making fires 15 weeks,	3 75
B. W. Jacobs, for wood and fitting,	20 00
	$371 75

District No. 7.

Paid Deborah N. Hatch, for teaching,	$207 00
Mr. Wiswall, " "	120 00
F. Hardy, " "	39 00
Hattie Vinal, " "	5 25
A. Tolman, making fires,	3 00
W. C. Tolman, for wood and fitting,	24 00
	$398 25

There has been received from the Town of Hingham, $24 for schooling the past year, but too late to appear in the Treasurer's financial report.

EXTRA REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSE NO. 1.

Paid I. H. Cushing, as per contract,	$745 00
I. H. Cushing, for extra work,	155 00
F. H. Curtis, for lumber and labor,	26 85
S. Otis Jacobs, for mason work,	41 00
Alpheus Thomas, for labor,	4 00
J. D. Grose, for expressing,	6 05
J. L. Hammett, for slating, ink, &c.	8 32
A. G. Whitcombe, for furniture,	102 00
I. W. Loring, for stove, hardware, &c.,	26 72
Total,	$1,114 94

For building Fence, and for Well, District No. 1,—

Paid James Cashman, for stone posts and labor,	$32 47
F. H. Curtis, for posts, lumber and labor,	69 18
Pyam Jacobs, for labor and cash paid for same on well,	113 25
P. A. Wales & Sons, for pump,	36 00
William Prouty, for land,	34 00
	$284 90

For Well, in District No. 2,—

Paid Pyam Jacobs, for labor and cash paid for same,	$36 00
P. A. Wales & Sons, for pumps,	27 00
	$63 00

For Well, in District No. 4,—

Paid C. A. Litchfield, for cash paid for labor & stock,	$51 50
E. T. Fogg, for pump,	7 00
	$58 50

Payments made on new School House, District No. 2,—

Paid F. H. Curtis, on contract,	$1,200 00
Simeon Damon, for paint stock,	58 66
Parmenus Peirce, for labor on foundation,	42 75
Mersena Brett, for mason work,	21 69
Pyam Jacobs, for labor, removing old house,	18 00
Simeon Damon, " " " "	5 00
	$1,346 10
Less cash for brick sold,	11 49
	$1,334 61

AMOUNTS PAID FOR SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid Brewer & Tileston,	$17 58
Knight, Adams & Co.,	9 31
J. L. Hammett,	101 63
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	17 13
H. M. Cable,	34 00
J. L. Hammett,	58 76
Frothingham & Co.,	23 67
	$262 08

COST OF PROPOSED NEW TOWN HALL AND HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid William P. Brooks, for land,	$162 50
R. P. Briggs, for underpinning stone,	98 00
A. Culver & Co., for Brick,	57 50
S. D. Kelley, for plans and specifications,	30 00
E. T. Vinal, for services as Committee,	10 00
R. P. Briggs, " " "	10 00
F. Jacobs, " " "	10 00
W. Torrey, " " "	10 00
George H. Torrey, for services and expenses,	15 00
E. T. Vinal, for expenses to Boston and Quincy,	8 00
E. T. Vinal, for postage and paper,	1 50
R. P. Briggs, for labor,	10 00
W. S. Briggs, for labor,	15 00
R. P. & W. S. Briggs, for team work,	15 00
W. Sprague, for labor,	7 50
H. Studley, "	7 62
—— Sears, "	3 00
S. Damon, "	5 62
Pyam Jacobs, for labor and team work,	67 74
B. Barrell, for labor,	8 00
—— Brown, "	3 00
D. Damon, "	7 50
A. Clapp, "	3 00
Sylvanus Clapp, for labor,	10 50
Morris Gammon, "	10 00
Walter Simmons, "	15 00
A. Damon, "	5 62
J. Rogers, for stone,	10 00
Sylvanus Clapp, for posts, rails and labor,	8 16
Joseph Easterbrook, printing auction notices,	3 00
	$627 76
Less for sale of underpinning stone and brick,	101 19
	$526 57

REPAIRS ON ALMSHOUSE, PRISON HOUSE AND FENCE.

Paid F. H. Curtis, for repairs on Almshouse as per contract,	$155 00
S. & D. W. Turner, for repairs on prison house,	9 50
B. W. Jacobs, lumber for fence,	3 62
E. T. Fogg, for hardware,	2 18
J. Merritt, for iron work,	3 50
Sylvanus Clapp, for posts,	3 33
C. W. Sparrell, for lumber,	5 00
F. H. Curtis, "	16 70
Eleazer Hatch, for labor,	19 00
W. E. Potter, mason work,	11 25
	$229 08

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

Mary Spencer,	$48 00	John Lewis,	$72 00
S. H. Goodrich,	36 00	George B. Hayden,	54 00
Hannah Dover,	48 00	C. D. Barnard,	72 00
Seth O. Fitts,	36 00	George Studley,	84 00
R. H. Thompson,	96 00	Thomas Mee,	96 00
C. N. Clapp,	24 00	J. B. Bowker,	7 50
J. B. Goodrich,	36 00	J. E. Stoddard,	114 00
Elisha Colman,	72 00	Benjamin Jacobs,	48 00
W. T. Sylvester,	48 00	Matilda B. Stoddard,	48 00
G. A. Wilder, (Guard.)	6 00	Daniel W. Ford,	22 00
David Stoddard,	36 00		$1,103 50

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Received of,—

Allen Comedy Co., $4.00, S. T. Turner, 6.00,	$10 00
South Scituate Band, 37.50, Warren Young, 6.00,	43 50
Steadfast Lodge, 31.62, New York Company, 11.75,	43 37
B. Hopkins, 3.00, J. D. Bagley, 2.00,	5 00
Nash & Co., 8.00, Temple of Honor, 13.02,	21 02
Watson & Company,	3 50
	$126 39

Paid for wax, chimneys, oil, wood, coal, care of hall and repairs, $72 79

Balance in favor of hall, ... $53 42

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Martha A. Jacobs, $11.50, Loring Jacobs, 1.15,	$12 65
Mercena Damon,	1 30
	$13 95

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. A. Litchfield, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1876,	$24 00
Edward Stowell, same service to March 1, '76,	14 00
T. B. Waterman, " " " "	16 00
Helen L. Fogg, for services as School Committee to Jan. 1, 1877,	40 00
Lucy Turner, for same service to Jan. 1, 1877,	40 00
Emily T. Jacobs, for same service to Jan. 1, 77,	40 00
C. W. Sparrell, for warning town officers,	3 00
C. W. Sparrell. for warning 12 town meetings,	46 00

C. A. Litchfield, for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor, from March to Jan. 1, 1877,	$116 00
Expenses to Boston four times on town business,	6 00
F. H. Curtis, for same services,	90 00
T. B. Waterman, for same services,	60 00
C. W. Sparrell, returning deaths,	8 25
E. T. Fogg, for registering marriages, births, and deaths,	24 80
	$528 05

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Avery & Doten, for printing Town Reports,	$98 69
Sam'l Turner, for watering-trough on Main St.,	4 00
E. T. Fogg, for postage and stationery,	7 76
W. A. Keazar, for soldier's record,	10 00
Cummings Litchfield, for labor, marking Town Flats,	6 20
S. O. Fitts, for removing trash from Flats,	2 50
C. A. Litchfield, for labor, marking Flats,	1 50
W. DeWolf, for fountain pump and fire extinguisher,	9 50
G. H. Briggs, for fresh grass 1874,	5 00
W. S. Danforth for copy of Deeds,	2 00
P. Simmons, for legal advice,	12 00
Avery & Doten, for printing voting lists,	8 50
W. Torrey, for copy of Deed,	1 00
J. Merritt, for smith work,	32 67
Richmond Farrar, for services as committee, 1875,	3 00
Willard Torrey, for services as committee,	7 00
M. M. Gardner, for freight on drain pipe, 1875,	7 50
S. Foster, advertising for teachers,	1 50
D. & C. Railroad, for freight,	1 56
Seth Foster, for expressage, &c.,	11 30

Paid Cummings Litchfield, as committee with Commissioners, 3½ days,	$7 00
C. A. Litchfield, same services, 3 days,	6 00
E. H. Bonney, for coal, 1875,	6 20
N. B. Clapp, services with Commissioners, 3½ days,	7 00
Charles Stevens, for work on wagon,	2 40
	$261 78

SUPPLIES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid E. T. Fogg, for ink, crayons, and books,	$28 02
A. G. Whitcomb, for furniture,	47 19
S. Foster, for freight and expressage,	4 75
J. F. Farmer, for printing auction notices, Dist. 5,	2 65
	$82 61

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

SUPPLIES FURNISHED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Supplies to E. M. Magoun,—

Paid R. W. Killam, for groceries,	$1 90
J. H. Prouty, "	33 51
W. W. Collamore, for wood,	10 50
Dr. Hayward, for medical attendance,	7 50
	$53 41

Supplies to J. E. Stoddard,—

Paid Alpheus Damon, for groceries,	3 00
Dr. Hayward, for medical attendance,	8 75
	$11 75

Supplies to Mary McCurdy,—

Paid Melvin Little, for groceries,	53 00

Supplies to George Studley,—

Paid E. T. Fogg, for groceries,	$208 00
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance,	13 25
	$221 25

Supplies to family of I. N. Fittz,—

Paid J. H. Prouty, for groceries,	17 00

Supplies to Hewitt Baker,—

Paid E. T. Fogg, for groceries,	61 75
Sarah Dyer, for house rent,	24 00
	$85 75

Supplies to Henry Litchfield,—

Paid Dr. Howes, for medical attendance,	14 00

Supplies to C. D. Mann,—

Paid Town of Duxbury, for allowance,	106 70

Supplies to Ezekiel Gunderway,—

Paid Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance,	6 00

Supplies to Rebecca H. Thompson and family,—

Paid E. T. Fogg, for dry goods and groceries,	41 92
Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance,	24 50
	66 42

Supplies to Elisha T. Colman,—

Paid Dr. French for medical attendance,	20 50

Supplies to James E. Smith,—

Paid Melvin Little, for groceries,	2 67

Supplies to Alice Brooker,—

Paid E. T. Fogg, for groceries,	52 00

Supplies to Hannah B. McFawn,—	
Paid E. T. Fogg, for dry goods,	$2 50
Supplies to Clark DeWitt,—	
Paid D. C. Clapp, for house rent,	15 00
J. Cashman, for wood,	2 50
Alpheus Damon, for groceries,	3 00
	$20 50
Supplies to Harriet Beach,—	
Paid E. T. Fogg, for groceries,	52 00
Supplies to N. James Stoddard,—	
Paid Dr. Howes, medical attendance,	27 00
Supplies to Phebe Simpson,—	
Paid R. H. Killam, groceries,	2 98
Alpheus Damon, for groceries,	51 00
	$53 98
Supplies to Mary Palmer,—	
Paid Melvin Little, for groceries,	11 28
Dr. Howes, for medical attendance,	15 00
	$26 28
Supplies to Isaac Packard,—	
Paid E. T. Eogg, for groceries,	57 00
Supplies to C. B. Jones,—	
Paid E. T. Fogg, for groceries,	12 57
Supplies to Charles E. Lincoln,—	
Paid C. W. Sparrell, for coffin,	6 00

Supplies to Mary Monohon and family,—

Paid E. T. Fogg, for dry goods and groceries,	$156 12
J. T. Litchfield, for wood,	2 50
	$158 62

Supplies to Clarissa Winslow,—

Paid R. H. Killam, for groceries,	52 34

Supplies to Mary F. Stetson,—

Paid E. T. Fogg, for groceries,	20 50

Supplies to Thomas Mee,—

Paid Dr. Brownell, for medical attendance.	5 00

Supplies to E. B. Howland and wife,—

Paid town of Pembroke for allowance,	139 69

Supplies to George Gardner,—

Paid W. C. Tolman, to Taunton Hospital,	6 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Gardner,	115 65
	$121 65

Supplies to Matilda W. Brown,—

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board,	178 78

Supplies to Patrick Monahon,—

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and burial,	48 35

Supplies to Joshua Prince,—

Paid Dr. Brownell, medical attendance,	7 00
Total amount for supplies out of almshouse,	$1,700 21

Received and due from,—

Taunton, for supplies to George Studley & family,	$221 25
Hingham, " " to paupers,	158 32

Rockland,	for allowance to			Clark DeWitt,	$20 50
Pembroke,	"	"	"	Hewitt Baker,	85 75
Hanover,	"	"	"	Isaac Packard,	57 00
Weymouth,	"	"	"	Hannah B. McFawn,	2 50
Scituate,	"	"	"	Mary F. Stetson,	20 50
Pembroke,	"	"	"	family of Isaac N. Fitts,	17 00
State,	"	"	"	James E. Smith,	2 67
State,	"	"	"	Alice Brooker,	52 00
Rockland,	"	"	"	C. B. Jones,	12 57
Duxbury,	"	"	"	E. M. Magoun,	53 41
					$703 47

Total cost to the town, $996.74.

Paid town of Hanson in settlement of pauper case of William O. Thomas, $291 89

The above bill was for supplies furnished to Thomas in 1868 by the Town of Hanson. The Supreme Court has recently sustained the decision of the Superior Court held in October, 1871, which gave a verdict for the plaintiff town.

SUPPLIES TO ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Thomas Tolman for dry goods and groceries,	$340 26
Charles Granderson, for rye straw,	2 55
R. V. C. Turner, for wood,	24 00
J. E. Smith & Co., for bread,	6 55
E. T. Fogg, for dry goods, groceries, flour & grain,	323 06
J. C. Frye & Co., for butter,	11 22
G. C. Whiting, for fish,	2 00
Eastman & Stevens, for cook range and tin ware,	55 52
Henry Calender & Co., for groceries,	62 18
J. Torrey & Co., for soap,	4 35
J. H. Corthell, for meat,	131 01
Richmond Talbot, for groceries,	16 38
Seth Foster, for swine,	13 50

Paid C. H. Litchfield, for fish,	6 70
A. Sylvester, for dry goods,	2 76
John Curtis, for clothing,	3 75
John Weatherbee, for coal,	42 00
J. G. Kaulback, for oil,	7 02
J. S. Paine, for furniture,	13 54
Seth Foster, supplies and expressage,	21 17
Jarius M. Healey, as Superintendent,	268 75
F. A. Davis, for tin ware,	2 23
Supplies furnished by Superintendent,	72 10
Sylvanus Clapp, for swine,	8 00
J. B. Howe & Son, for bread,	14 61
	$1,455 21

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Town of Abington for board of George Penniman, from May 8,	$125 89
By cash received for meals and lodgings,	87 22
Deduct for new cook range and new furniture,	60 00
Meals and lodgings of 487 tramps at 25 cents each,	121 75
Board of eight inmates at $2.53½ per week,	1,060 35
	$1,455 21

The following persons are now inmates at the almshouse:

John Woodard, Nancy Damon, Siba Briggs, Antoinett Williams, Jefferson Damon, Mary Williams, C. D. Bishop, Sarah Totman.

The Superintendant and wife continue to merit the confidence of the Overseers of the Poor in their successful management of the almshouse the past year.

LIST OF JURORS,

FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REVISION BY THE TOWN.

Franklin Jacobs,
William Capell,
Sylvanus Clapp,
Walter Simmons,
E. T. Fogg,
Alpheus Thomas,
Israel Hatch,
John G. Briggs,
George E. Jacobs,
John Clapp,
William B. Pratt,
William C. Litchfield,
Richard P. Briggs,
George H. Torrey,
Albert S. Greene,
Samuel Waters,
Thomas R. Lawrence,
Samuel Turner,
Waldo Jones,
George Sylvester,
Benjamin P. Foster,
Samuel D. Stetson,
Thomas J. Studley,
William Prouty, Jr.,
C. A. Litchfield,
Horatio N. Gardner,
Melvin Little,
Samuel D. Stetson,
Ansel G. Grose,
James W. Sampson,

NAMES OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1876.

Coleman Ford,
William S. Winslow,
Thomas H. Gardner,
Joshua B. Reed,
Melvin W. Stetson.

RECAPITULATION.

Repairs on Highways,	$1,950 83
Special repairs on Roads and Bridges,	417 94
State Aid,	1,103 50
Assistance out of Almshouse,	1,700 21
Abatement of Taxes,	13 95
Almshouse Expenses,	1,455 21
Expenditures for Schools,	2,662 29
Town Officers,	528 05

Gravel,	$105 51
Extra and ordinary repairs on School Houses,	1,706 97
Expenditures on New School House, District No. 2,	1,334 61
Incidentals, (including proposed Town Hall Building, Almshouse, Prison-house, digging wells and grading School House yards,)	1,537 00
Settlement of W. O. Thomas case,	291 89
State Tax,	1,116 00
County Tax,	1,227 45
	$17,151 41

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, JANUARY 1, 1877.

Notes in favor of,—		
Nathaniel Turner,	at 6 per cent.	$300 00
R. V. C. Turner,	" "	575 00
J. C. Tolman,	" "	300 00
Ebenezer Stetson,	" "	200 00
Michael Ford,	" "	1,025 00
H. T. Sylvester,	" "	200 00
C. W. Sylvester,	" "	470 00
Joseph T. Litchfield,	" "	1,325 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, at 6 per cent.		1,857 00
Nathan Cushing, at 4 per cent.,		1,000 00
Interest due on the above notes,		107 15
Estimated amount due Schools to January 1st,		275 00
Estimated amount of bills outstanding,		300 00
		$7,934 15

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, JANUARY 1, 1877.

Outstanding taxes and cash in hands of Treasurer,	$4,503 58
Due from State, for State Aid,	1,103 50

Due from State and Towns, for aid to paupers,	$446 74
Due from State School Fund, estimated,	27[illegible] 00
Amount of school books in hands of Agent,	135 00
Due from State, for Corporation Tax,	25 00
Received from Hingham, for schooling,	24 00
	$6,512 82

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of the Town May 1, 1876.

Valuation of real estate,	$664,643
" " personal estate,	214,928
	$879 571

Rate of Taxation on $1,000, $11.50.
Number of polls, 505.

Total tax for state, county, and town purposes,	$11,125 06
School books,	11 28
Amount placed in hands of Collector,	$11,136 34

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
T. B WATERMAN,
F. H. CURTIS,
Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, in account with town of So. Scituate, January 1, 1877.

	Dr.
To taxes outstanding at last settlement,	$1,957 62
To cash on hand, " " "	1,106 96
To assessment of May 1, 1876,	11,136 34
Rec'd for sale of fish sights,	3 50
for use of Prison house,	8 00
from State for aid to paupers,	68 66
for sale of grass on town flats,	127 60
from Taunton for aid to paupers,	104 00
from Weymouth, " " "	2 50
from Hanover, " " "	101 31
from Rockland, " " "	12 57
for pedlers' licenses,	24 00
for sale of brick,	28 00
from Duxbury for aid to paupers,	45 91
from Pembroke, " " "	70 00
Corporation tax refunded by the State,	858 59
Bank tax refunded, " " "	1,612 28
State aid refunded by the State,	1,259 42
for use of town hall,	53 42
from Abington, for board of Geo. Penniman,	125 89
from Alpheus Thomas, error in bill of 1875,	5 00
from County Treasurer, dog fund, refunded,	174 39
R. W. Killam, for sale of school books,	58 59
E. T. Fogg, " " " " "	142 64
of South Scituate Savings Bank, on note,	900 00
of Nathan Cushing, on note,	1,000 00
of R. V. C. Turner, note renewed,	575 00
of J. T. Litchfield, on note,	600 00
of J. C. Tolman, note renewed,	300 00
of Nathaniel Turner,	300 00
	$22,762 19

January 1, 1877.	Cr.
By cash paid on Selectmen's orders & allowances.	14,018 36
" " Scituate tax;	15 00
" " County tax,	1,227 45
" " State tax,	1,116 00
" " Notes and interest,	1,544 18
Discount on prompt payment of taxes.	237 62
Taxes outstanding,	3,476 83
Treasurer's and Collector's salary,	100 00
	$21,735 44
Balance in Treasury,	1,026 75
	$22,762 19

E. T. FOGG, Treasurer.

The undersigned, a committee to settle with the Treasurer have carefully exmined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched.

C. A. Litchfield.
F. H. Curtis.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Marriages Registered in South Scituate for the year 1876.

January 4. Henry W. Percival, of Hanover, and Ella M. French, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

January 20. Abner S. Dolby, and Lizzie L. Damon, both of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

February 6. Charles H. Damon, of South Scituate, and Maria B. Ewell, of Hingham. By Rev. Andrew Read.

February 15. George A. Stoddard, and Elizabeth J. Damon, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

March 18. J. Warren Foster, of Hanover, and Susan F. Briggs, of South Scituate. By Rev. Cyrus W. Allen.

April 17. Andrew J. Litchfield, of South Scituate, and Elizabeth J. Merritt, of Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

April 30. Israel D. Damon, of Scituate, and Ruth M. Turner, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

May 10. Piam Jacobs, and Bethia Roote, both of South Scituate. By Rev. C, D. R. Meacham.

June 11. Joseph W. Jacobs, and Clara J. Litchfield, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

June 28. Nathaniel W. Cushing, Jr., and Mary S. Holmes, both of Hanson. By Rev. David B. Ford.

June 28. Henry G. Ford, of Marshfield, and Lucia W. Holmes of South Scituate. By Rev. David B. Ford.

July 1. Charles R. Barstow, and Mary Tawt, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Wm. H. Brooks.

July 29. John F. Littlefield, of Rockland, and Lydia A. Leavitt, of South Scituate. By Rev. Wilbur F. Steele.

September 6. Peter Hart, and Sarah T. Chamberlain, both of South Scituate. By E. T. Fogg, Esq.

September 24. Edwin Merritt, of South Scituate, and Sarah L. Burroughs, of Scituate. By Rev. Sheldon C. Clark.

September 28. Alpheus Damon and Abby F. Jones, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Henry C. Vose.

October 5. David Stoddard, Jr., of South Scituate, and Hannah L. Wheelwright, of Cohassett. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

November 2. James H. Studley, and Ruth I. Farrar, both of South Scituate. By Rev. M. A. Stevens.

November 9. Henry Dougherty, of Boston, and Agusta Chase, of Hanover. By Rev. Richard Porey.

December 23. Frank E. Stetson, and Mary J. Smith, both of South Scituate. By Rev. Richard Porey.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1876.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.	
1875.			*Maiden name of mother.*
Jan. 9,	Frederic William Capell,	William and Cornelia	
Mar. 22,	Minnie Green, - - -	James and Bridget.	(Costello.)
Aug. 9,	Ella Frances Lincoln. -	Charles E. and Mary A.	
1876. Jan. 12,	——— Fish, - - -	Charles E. and Lizzie L.	(Lawrence.)
Feb. 29,	Mary E. Troy, - - -	John and Mary.	(Gammon.)
Feb. 23,	Percia T. Ford, - -	Edward and Martha M.	
May 7,	George T. Richardson, -	George and Emma E.	
May 14,	Joanna W. Cobbett, -	Henry W. and Susan A.	(Leavitt.)
May 24,	Walter E. Cushing, -	Nathan and Nettie.	(Briggs.)
May 20,	Charles I. Wright, - -	Elwyn T. and Mary F.	(Grose.)
May 22,	Lucy E. Litchfield, -	George W. and Nellie.	(Norton.)
July 9,	Charles W. Stoddard, -	Cyrus W. and Addie J.	(Slason.)
July 26,	Ada F. Reed, - - -	Alphonso and Nettie J.	(Wardrobe.)
July 28,	Wendell H. Packard, -	Joseph and Ella F.	(Hatch.)
Aug. 9,	Edwin F. Ross, - -	William and Jane.	(Curtis.)
Aug. 11,	Benjamin M. Young Jr.,	Benjamin M. and Ardelia.	(Randall.)
Aug. 22,	Ralph S. Vinal, - -	Ezekiel T. and Elvira.	(Brooks.)
Aug. 26,	Charles W. Harris, -	Sarah E.	
Aug. 26,	Charles B. Ford, -	Joseph F. and Lucy.	(Lapham.)
Sept. 4,	George Litchfield - -	Henry D. and Julia.	(Barrell.)
Sept. 6,	Mary R. Turner, - -	Henry A. and Mary J.	(Oakman.)
Sept. 7,	Whitfield Vinal, - -	Abel A. and Lucy A.	(Fitts.)
Sept. 9,	Alice Scully, - - -	Charles and Annie.	
Sept. 15,	Benjamin D. Smith, -	Albert and Ruth.	(Stetson.)
Sept. 19,	Edgar E. Lee, - - -	George H. and Rhoda V.	(Winslow.)
Oct. 5,	Josie W. Litchfield, -	Alfred B. and Emily.	(Tirrell.)
Oct. 6,	Abby M. Spooner, - -	Charles W. and Alice A.	(Stowell.)
Oct. 10,	Ella F. Prouty, - -	Oliver and Carrie E.	
Oct. 19,	William O. Prouty, -	John H. and Anna A.	(Randall.)
Oct. 23,	Evelina E. Shay, - -	John and Bridget.	
Nov. 24,	Ellsworth N. Wilder, -	George N. and Laura J.	(Binney.)
Nov. 26,	Sydney V. Prouty, - -	Orlando and Juliette.	
Dec. 9,	Lillian A. Green, - -	Andrew N. and Adeline.	(French.)
Dec. 18,	Nellie B. Hayden, - -	George B. and Louisa.	(Ewell.)
Dec. 23,	Theodosia M. Stevens, -	Charles and Martha J.	(Allen.)
March 3,	Lillian Forest Merritt, -	Cassius C. and Alice L.	(Clapp.)
Nov. 23,	Sarah Jane Turner, -	John H. and Sarah.	(Nichols.)
May 11,	Ethel May Jones, - -	Marcellus and Judith M.	(Sprague.)

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1876.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan. 3,	Betsey Fogg,	85	5		Erysipelas.	South Scituate.
Jan. 13,	——— Fish,			1		South Scituate.
Feb. 6,	William Hatch,	60	3		Typhoid Pneumonia.	South Scituate.
Feb. 14,	Amos H. Tilden,	64			Pupuro.	Marshfield.
Feb. 18,	Nellie P. Stevens,	10	2		Scarlet Fever.	South Scituate.
Mar. 8,	Joseph Merritt,	78	4		Mortification.	South Scituate.
Mar. 12	Elisha F. Coleman,	32	9		Consumption.	South Scituate.
Mar. 26,	Sarah C. Farrar,	24			Comsumption.	Hingham.
Mar. 29,	Freeman Damon,	53	7		Apoplexy.	South Scituate.
April 6,	Sarah M. Chamberlain,	2	2		Diphtheria.	South Scituate.
April 8,	Ruth Curtis,	82	11		Paralysis.	Scituate.
April 12,	Lizzie L. Stoddard,	29	6		Child Birth.	Scituate.
June 2,	Bethia Curtis,	89	7		Old age.	
June 12,	Byron Ellms,	20	5		Drowned.	South Scituate.
June 14,	Mary T. Hartt,	83	10		Old age.	South Scituate.
July 17,	Betsey Foster,	80	7	18	Mortification.	Scituate.
Aug. 6,	William Griffin.	22			Drowned.	Liverpool.
Aug. 9,	Gideon Ford,	68	6		Dropsy.	Marshfield.
Aug. 23,	Agusta H. Adams,	39	7	13	Hemorrhage.	Dover, Mass.
Aug. 25,	Sarah R. Jacobs,	55	8		Bright's Kidney Dis.	South Scituate.
Aug. 26,	Eva M. Tilden,		11		Cholera Infantum.	South Scituate.
Sept. 14,	Whitfield Vinal,			7	Hemorrhage.	South Scituate.
Sept. 29,	Mary H. Kender,	15			Consumption.	South Scituate.
Oct. 5,	Joseph S. Clapp,	68			Cancer in Stomach.	South Scituate.
Oct. 12,	Eva B. Jones,	23	8	21	Consumption.	South Scituate.
Oct. 17,	Elizabeth W. Griggs,	57	7		Scirrhus Liver.	Wales, Maine.
Oct. 25,	James House,	67	9		Softening of Brain.	Pembroke.
Nov. 23,	Celinda J. Lewis,	64			Dropsy.	South Scituate.
Nov. 27,	Lura J. Kender,	54	4	11	Typhoid Fever.	Chelsea, Vt.
Dec. 12,	Benjamin Jacobs,	73			Dropsy.	South Scituate.
Dec. 25,	Wealthy Munroe,	93	4	6	Old age.	
Dec. 25,	Ruth Gardner,	76			Paralysis.	Pembroke.
Dec. 28,	Deborah Gardiner,	69	4		Pneumonia.	Scituate.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE,

1876.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee of South Scituate respectfully submit to the town the following, as the Annual Report. We recognize with pleasure the lively interest manifested by our citizens to secure for the young liberal attainments in knowledge. If we desire the increase of our population by accessions to it of intelligent and influential families, sound policy requires liberal provisions for the support of public schools. Such provisions the well known generosity of our citizens warrants us to believe will be made. Nearly all of our schools are in a prosperous condition. There is a cheerful attention to study, and a respect for government on the part of the children, which clearly indicates that the right inspiration pervades the school room. The public school is a school of manners and morals, as well as of learning. It is not sufficient to give scholars line upon line and precept upon precept, they must also have example upon example. Instruction is not given by word alone — the manner teaches though the tongue be silent. Daily preparation for the duties of the school-room must be practiced by every teacher who would honestly discharge his duty to the public, or hope for continued success in his calling. In addition to mental acquirements, there must be love of the work. Without ardent enthusiasm to teach, and a hopefulness that looks for results in the future, no one is fit for the office of public instructor. The parents of our youth can, by cultivating a

deep home interest in the teacher's work, and by a cheerful co-operation with their endeavors, render instruction more effectual. Parental approval would lighten a teacher's labors, which at best are arduous, but it unfortunately happens that approval is less freely accorded than censure. By occasionally visiting the school, where they may witness the actual difficulties teachers have to contend with, they would soon appreciate the arduousness of their task, and cherish a heartier sympathy with them. We regard such visitations a parental duty, for the school is but the auxiliary of the home, and if parents neglect their children they cannot reasonably demand of others an ardent zeal for their welfare. The habit of talking familiarly and usefully to the children, to each according to his capacity, is an invaluable qualification in a teacher or parent. Its practice should be encouraged and cultivated, for it will prove not only delightful, but most successful in imparting instruction and enkindling in them a love for learning. The rod, which has but very little effect upon some children, might break at a blow the heart of another, and even a harsh word from a teacher's lips might crush the spirits of a sensitive child. Bad as corporeal punishment may be, worrying and fretting children by frequent little reproofs and hasty reprimands, is scarcely better. No severe punishment should be inflicted except with the conviction that it may result in good to the offender, or to the school, and in a spirit of kindness. It is an easy matter to give a child a few black marks — too easy, it may be, with some teachers — but if undeserved they may sour his spirit and prove ineffaceable marks in his future character. In some of our schools special attention has been paid to reading, and it should be in all. Many pupils think that to read well is a small accomplishment, but it is certain that to be a poor reader

is a shame to every one that pretends to be a scholar, or has enjoyed the privileges of common school education.

Declamations should be required of the boys, and compositions of both boys and girls in all the classes which study grammar. It is not expected that much will be written by the younger scholars, nevertheless they will early form the habit of putting thoughts on paper, and therefore improve in the use of language and in ability to think. It is also of the first importance that all connected with the school should be punctual; and let every one be in his place before the commencement of the exercises. Punctuality and prompt attendance to every duty is of vast consequence in all the affairs of life; without it no undertaking can succeed. This golden chance to make the young self-reliant, and so far as may be independent of outward circumstances, should not be lost. But should no misfortune occur in the future, could the most hopeful of our youth be assured that they would realize their highest anticipations of coming ease and wealth, a common school education is still an imperative duty.

We present the following detailed report of our schools:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The winter term was taught by Miss Mary B. Tirrell; a lady of thorough education, but not having the tact for governing, she soon lost control of the school and it became noisy and disorderly. For the spring and fall terms, the services of Miss Rebecca C. Brooks were again secured, who soon restored order, and conducted the school with her usual ability and success. She is a thorough, faithful and efficient teacher, and well merits the continued confidence of the patrons of that school. The pupils at the examination of

the fall term, acquitted themselves with great credit, giving ample proof of their own industry, and of the skill of their teacher. The Primary School was taught by Miss Alice Simmons, who by her kind and gentle manner, soon won the love and respect of her pupils. Good improvement was made, and the examination was very creditable to teacher and scholars.

Not Absent for the Year:

Wilfred C. Bowker.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Mary E. Cowing, Helen J. Cowing, Stella C. Jacobs, Cora J. Cushing, H. Clinton Gardner, Frank W. Leavitt, and George Cowing.

Not Absent for One Term:

Carrie E. Simmons, Flora L. Prouty, Emma B. Poole, Eunice W. Loring, Annie R. Bowker, Henry E. Spear, Arthur Curtis, Freddie Curtis, George H. Lapham, John L. Loring, Charles W. Thomas, Frank A. Prouty, Wallace Farrar, Charlie Totman and Fred A. Stoddard.

Winter Term — Number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 45; percentage, .81.

Spring Term — Number of scholars, 64; average attendance, 56; percentage, .87.

Fall Term — Number of scholars in the Grammar School, 33; average attendance, 31; percentage, .93.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1.

Not Absent for One Term:

Sarah Cushing, Edith Cushing, Annie R. Bowker, Lily M. Jones, Ellie Jones, Josie Prouty, Annie Thomas.

Fall Term — Number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 27; percentage, .87.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .87.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This school for the past four years has been under the charge of Miss Maria Jacobs. The discipline and instruction have been thorough, and the examination at the close of the fall term was very gratifying to the Committee, and they feel (by her resignation at the close of this term) that the town will lose the services of a very faithful and efficient teacher.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

I. Arthur Sanborn, E. Everett Jacobs, Allie H. Loring, Clifton O. Sanborn, Horace L. Sears, aud Grace H. Jacobs.

Not Absent for One Term:

Jennie W. Brooks, Etta M. Stoddard, Annie F. Stoddard, A. Carrie Damon, Henry A. Damon, Bennie Loring, Allie M. Jones, Freddie Jones, J. Alvah Stoddard, Oscar Sears, and Jimmie Prince.

Winter Term — Number of scholars, 48; average attendance, 38; percentage, .79.

Spring Term — Number of scholars, 55; average attendance, 48; percentage, .87.

Fall Term — Number of scholars, 56; average attendance, 50; percentage, .89.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .85.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school for the past year has enjoyed the services of Mr. Franklin Jacobs, under whose instruction the school has made good progress. Complete harmony exists between teacher and pupils, and the deportment of the scholars in and around the school-house, is worthy of commendation.

Not Absent for the Year:

Jamie F. Richardson, Nellie A. Simmons, Charlie E. Damon, and Arthur L. Litchfield.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Emma F. Sprague, Addie T. Simmons, Emma G. Litchfield, Mary F. P. Litchfield, Lillian Prouty, Carlton O. Litchfield, Wallace W. Stoddard and Andrew L. Richardson.

Not Absent for One Term:

Flora M. Sprague.

Winter Term — Number of scholars, 40; average attendance, 33; percentage, .82.

Sping Term — Number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 30; percentage, .86.

Fall Term — Number of scholars, 33; average attendance, 28; percentage, .85.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .84.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The winter and spring terms were taught by Miss Emma H. Torrey, who labored diligently and faithfully for the advancement of her pupils; and although this was her first school, it was very creditable to her. She was succeeded by Miss Nellie Keith, who conducted the school very satisfactorily, and the examination of the pupils gave the Committee satisfactory evidence of the faithfullness and ability of their teacher. Special commendation should be given to those older pupils who pursued the study of Colburn's Arithmetic, for not feeling too old to study mental arithmetic.

Not Absent for the Year:

Harry Clapp.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Walter B. Ellms and Willie H. Clapp.

Not Absent for One Term:

Louis Ellms, Fred Curtis, Edward Clapp, Josie Hayden, Lillie Litchfield and Estelle Turner.

Winter Term — Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 33; percentage, .80.

Spring Term — Number of scholars, 32; average attendance, 27; percentage, .84.

Fall Term — Number of scholars, 34; average attendance, 30; percentage, .88.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .84.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mrs. C. A. Robbins, who had previously taught the school very successfully, was employed for the winter term. She was earnest and devoted to her work, and at the examination the appearance of the school was very pleasing. The spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Martha W. Brooks, who has been the teacher of the school for the past five years, with the exception of two terms. Of her we can speak in high and honorable terms, as having discharged her duties faithfully and conscientiously. The scholars are evidently interested in their work, and in recitation exhibit careful study and thorough teaching. In this school (and the same can be said of Nos. 1, and 2,) we find much better work is done, and much greater progress is made by retaining the teachers for several years in succession.

Not Absent for the Year:

C. Walter Sparrell and George M. Lee.

Not Absent for Two Terms:

Howard C. Torrey, Eddie B. Torrey, Albert L. Sparrell, Willie Flint, Charles A. Berry, John E. Leslie and Tommie Leslie.

Not Absent for One Term:

Nellie H. Fogg, Cora C. Williams, Gertrude Allen, Flora M. Barnard, Walter C. Barnard, George E. Torrey, Frank Hammond, Harry Merritt, Jimmie Leslie, Charles H. Lawrence and Robert Thompson.

Winter Term — Number of scholars, 42; average attendance, 36; percentage, .86.

Spring Term — Number of scholars, 44; average attendance, 38; percentage, .87.

Fall Term — Number of scholars, 41; average attendance, 35; percentage, .85.

Percentage of attendance for the year, .86.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The winter term of this school was taught successfully by Mr. Dorus F. Howard. The order was excellent and the instruction thorough. At the close of the term the Committee very reluctantly accepted his resignation, and Mr. S. S. Knapp, a young man of superior education, was employed as his successor. He was inexperienced as a teacher, but labored earnestly, and the older scholars, particularly, made very gratifying progress. For the fall term, Miss Emma A. Judkins, who had taught twelve years and had good recommendations, was employed. The Committee were pleased

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1,

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

To the Voters of South Scituate:

In presenting to you the twenty-eighth annual report of the expenditures for the past year, a few words of explanation may not be unnecessary.

At the commencement of the year you had in the hands of your Treasurer, in cash and outstanding taxes, $4,503.58. There was also due from the State and towns $2,009.24, making a total of $6,512.82. There were evidences of debt amounting to $7,934.15, leaving a balance against the town January 1, 1877, of $1,421.33.

Roads and Bridges.

There has been expended the past year for extra and ordinary repairs $2,114.90. The repairs on Central street as ordered by the County Commissioners, was by vote of the town put in charge of Piam Jacobs, and the repairs of Main and Dover streets, in charge of R. P. Briggs; the cost of repairs on the same being $2,014.42, for which the town made no assessment.

School Houses.

In District No. 3 a new wood-house has been built at a cost of $103.35. New out-buildings have also been erected

in District No. 2, by vote of the town, and the amount paid to complete the new school house and out-buildings has been $1,254.21, to which annex the sum paid last year of $1,334.61, making a total of $2,588.82 for which no assessment has been made.

Support of Poor.

The cost for support of poor in the almshouse has been $1,024.80. There has been furnished meals and lodgings to 478 tramps, at a probable cost of $119.50. They are usually well clothed, and persons not over thirty-five years of age. The average cost throughout the State for meals and lodgings to each one is thirty-five cents. As the tramp question is now being agitated before the Legislature, it is hoped they will enact some stringent law by which this wholesale tramping will be broken up.

The cost for support of poor out of almshouse has been $1,708.29. There has been received and is due from the State and towns $761, leaving the total cost to the town $946.61. The allowance granted to some families may seem large, but we believe that none have received more than was neccesary to make them comfortable, and considering the depression of business, we think ourselves fortunate that our expenses in this department are less than on the previous year.

Abatement of Taxes.

As will be seen in the body of the Report, we have abated and given up taxes amounting to $142.04. Perhaps we may have erred in judgment, but if so the parties misrepresent their case. Some it will be seen have left town. Death has removed others from our midst, and sickness and want of employment compels others to ask to be relieved of their taxes. But we would recommend that all persons who labor for the town shall be obliged to pay their taxes, as this rule is adopted in many other towns.

REPAIRS ON CENTRAL STREET AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid Piam Jacobs,	33½ days' work	at	$2.00,	$67 00
Oxen, cart and tools,	62 days,	"	2.50,	155 00
One pair oxen,	19½ days	"	2.00,	39 00
Amos T. Litchfield & team	10 dys.	"	3.50,	35 00
Henry Studley and horse,	17 "	"	3.00,	51 00
Martin Cushing "	17½ "	"	3.00,	52 50
Lyman Lincoln "	5 "	"	3.00,	15 00
Abel A. Vinal, "	5 "	"	3.00,	15 00
John Freeman "	14½ "	"	3.00,	43 50
E. B. Damon,	34 days	"	1.50,	51 00
A. W. Sprague,	31 "	"	1.50,	46 50
John Freeman,	13 "	"	1.50,	19 50
E. D. Munroe,	27½ "	"	1.25,	34 37
E. Sprague,	30 "	"	1.25,	37 50
S. Cazneau,	24 "	"	1.25,	30 00
David Griffin,	29 "	"	1.50,	43 50
C. A. Litchfield for work,				1 00
John H. Turner,	1 day's work,	"	1.50,	1 50
David W. Studley,	18½ days' work	"	1.50,	27 75
E. Studley,	17½ "	"	1.50,	26 25
W. Morris,	23½ "	"	1.33,	31 25
I. Fitts,	11 "	"	1.33,	14 63
R. Winslow,	12 "	"	1.33,	16 00
—— Gardner,	5 "	"	1.00,	5 00
H. Winslow,	2 "	"	1.00,	2 00
Antoine Joseph,	15 "	"	1.50,	22 50
J. Reed,	16½ "	"	1.25,	20 62
H. Stoddard,	22 "	"	1.50,	33 00
H. Sprague,	3 "	"	1.50,	4 50
W. H. Merritt for work,				50
Drain pipe, freight and gravel,				6 83
Daniel D. Sprague,	31 days at 1.50,			46 50
				$995 20

PIAM JACOBS, Agent.

REPAIRS ON MAIN AND DOVER STREETS AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid R. P. Briggs,	56 days'	at 1.75,		$ 98 00
" "		for oxen 41 days at 1.75,		71 75
Horse and cart 32 days at 1.37½,				44 90
W. S. Briggs for hauling stone 4 days at 4.00,				16 00
B. Barrell for	53 days'	work at	1.50,	79 50
Geo. Barrell,	5 "		1.00,	5 00
J. Bailey	6½ "		1.50,	9 50
M. Gammon,	45 "		1.50,	67 50
Geo. Sylvester,	40 "		1.50,	60 00
Daniel Ewell,	39½ "		1.50,	59 25
Andrew Clapp,	23½ "		1.50,	35 25
W. Sylvester & oxen 38 days at			3.00,	114 00
John Kehoe, 4½ days at			1.50,	6 75
T. Monahon,	9 "		1.00,	9 00
P. Curtis,	2 "		1.50,	3 00
S. Clapp and team 12 days,			3.25,	39 00
C. W. Sparrell, horse & cart, 9½ dys,			2.75,	26 12
Abner Stetson and team 5 days,			3.50,	17 50
Nathan Sylvester,	23 days,		1.50,	34 50
J. Lewis,	15 "		1.50,	22 50
Frank Tolbot,	8 "		1.50,	12 00
W. Jacobs,	11⅓ "		1.50,	17 00
I. Fitts,	10⅓ "		1,50,	15 50
L. J. Fitts,	4 "		1.50,	6 00
Alexander Totman, horse & cart 10½ dys. at			2.75,	28 19
Frank Dana,	"	5 "	2.75,	13 75
P. Spellman, 8 days at 1.50,				12 00
William Danforth, 8 days at 1.50,				12 00
F. Turner, 6 days at 1.00,				6 00
H. Bowker, horse and cart 2 days at 2.75,				5 50
Carlton Pincin, 5 days at 1.00,				5 00

Paid J. Cushing, for use of derrick,	$5 00
S. & D. W. Turner, for labor on bridge,	8 20
J. Bowker,	7 80
Joseph Merritt, for smith work on bridge,	20 62
H. N. Gardner, for sharpening drills,	2 50
N. P. Brownell, for gravel,	23 14
	$1,019 22

R. P. Briggs, Agent.

DRAIN PIPE IN THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

Paid Marcellus Day & Co.,	$65 46
Freight on same,	11 10
	$76 56

REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 1.

Alpheus Thomas,	$5 55	C. F. Young,	90
A. Robinson,	1 35	George C. Cowing,	1 50
J. W. Penniman,	3 60	Daniel Barnes,	4 05
I. L. Vining,	3 00	Edward Loring,	4 20
E. F. Poole,	1 05	A. W. Thomas,	4 35
W. C. Young,	1 50	Delmont Cushing,	2 40
J. Whiton,	1 35	H. Penniman,	3 75
J. J. Farrar,	1 35	Freeman French,	3 00
J. H. Curtis,	3 60	S. Bowker,	1 65
Luther Bailey,	45	N. G. Whiting,	4 20

David Bailey,	45	H. A. Spear,	1 35
T. B. Chapman,	4 20		
A. Stoddard,	1 35	Total,	$60 15

District No. 2.

R. P. Briggs,	1 20	Team,	$1 20
Jack Enolds,	1 50	B. Jacobs,	1 50
S. Curtis,	2 10	Benjamin Jacobs,	90
J. Gammon,	1 50	E. Brown,	1 05
Leander Damon,	2 10	W. Hayden,	1 20
J. G. Briggs,	2 10	S. Damon,	2 40
John Troy,	1 05	A. Damon,	75
L. Jacobs,	1 35		
P. Jacobs,	4 50	Total,	$27 60
W. S. Briggs,	1 20		

District No. 3.

Walter Simmons,	3 60	E. Monroe,	$1 35
Team,	6 00	P. Nichols,	1 95
Jesse Damon,	70	W. H. Richardson,	8 44
O. Sprague,	1 20	Team,	7 24
A. A. Vinal,	1 05	A. W. Sprague,	1 20
E. Sprague,	1 35	E. B. Damon,	1 35
H. Damon,	2 40	W. T. Richardson,	60
D. W. Studley,	2 10	G. H, Damon,	1 35
J. Reed,	90	H. Stoddard,	2 10
C. F. Litchfield,	75	—— Litchfield,	50
A. Winslow,	1 20	E. H. Litchfield,	3 60
Liba Litchfield,	97		
David Stockbridge,	1 80	Total,	$55 05
D. Sprague,	1 35		

District No. 4.

Martin Cushing,	$2 70	C. Granderson,	1 20
Team,	1 05	Team,	90
E. Litchfield,	90	C. O. Litchfield,	1 35
N. Ellms,	1 35	W. B. Ellms,	90
C. D. Litchfield,	1 58	Amos T. Litchfield,	60
G. A. Briggs,	1 35	C. Williamson,	90
B. Briggs,	1 35	A. B. Briggs,	1 35
Bela Brown,	1 35	George H. Briggs,	30
W. L. Briggs,	1 35		
L. Ellms,	90	Total,	$22 98
H. T. Jenkins,	1 50		

District No. 5.

B. P. Foster,	$3 00	George H. Briggs,	1 45
E. M. Sexton,	6 00	Sylvanus Clapp,	4 05
W. Sylvester,	6 00	E. W. Brooks,	2 40
D. Torrey,	3 00		
Daniel R. Ewell,	3 00	Total,	$28 90

District No. 6.

Colman Ford.	$2 40	Isaac Fitts,	1 20
James W. Sampson,	1 20	George Totman,	1 80
Amos Tilden,	1 80	Cushing Hatch,	3 00
S. Tilden,	1 80	Thomas Turner,	90
Frank Dana,	45		
A. Totman,	1 80	Total,	$16 35

District No. 7.

Peter Hartt,	$2 85	W. C. Tolman,	2 10
B. P. Stetson,	2 70	S. N. Chamberlain,	3 00
Abner Stetson,	6 15	Amos Vinal,	3 45

Walter Briggs,	60	Cummings Litchfield,	90
W. K. Sylvester,	2 40	J. W. Briggs,	60
F. D. Stetson,	1 65	Philip Foster,	30
J. S. Barker,	2 40	S. D. Stetson,	2 10
R. Stetson,	1 65	C. C. Pratt,	1 65
W. B. Barker,	1 20	M. Stetson,	2 40
C. Barker,	45	Israel Hatch,	1 65
D. W. Stoddard,	1 50	W. S. Barker,	1 20
D. Bassford,	2 25	J. Stoddard,	4 80
E. Colman,	1 95	W. T. Stoddard,	1 50
W. F. Gardner,	1 05		
H. A. Turner,	1 05	Total,	$55 50

GRADING SCHOOL HOUSE YARD, DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid R. P. Briggs,	3	days,	at	1.50,	$4 50
Oxen and cart,	3	"	"	1.75,	5 25
Horse and cart,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
W. S. Briggs,	1	"	"	1.50,	1 50
S. Curtis,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
J. G. Briggs,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
M. Gammon,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
J. Warner,	1	"	"	1.50,	1 50
Horse and cart,					4 50
P. Curtis,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
Albion Damon,	2	"	"	1.50,	3 00
D. Damon,	2½	"	"	1.50,	3 75
S. Damon,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
E. Brown,					1 50
J. H. Studley,	2	"	"	1.50,	3 00
E. Jacobs and team,	3	"	"	3.25,	9 75
B. Jacobs and team,	3	"	"	3.25,	9 75
Total,					$75 00

REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

District No. 1.

Paid W. W. Collamore,	18½	days	at	1.75,	$32 38
Horse and cart,	18¾	"	"	1.50,	28 12
L. Bailey,	16½	"	"	1.50,	24 75
"	12¾	oxen and cart,			24 57
Horse and cart,	½	day	at	1.50,	75
S. Bowker,	17½	"		1.50,	26 25
D. Barnes,	3	"	"	1.50,	4 50
A. U. Randall,	3½	"	"	1.50,	5 25
A. Farrar,	1½	"	"	1.50,	2 25
E. Jacobs,	½	"	"	1.50,	75
R. Griggs,	10	"	"	1.50,	15 00
I. Vining,	6	"	"	1.50,	9 00
C. Lincoln,	6⅔	"	"	1.50,	10 00
D. Bailey,	6½	"	"	1.50,	9 75
H. Curtis,	8	"	"	1.50,	12 00
J. Penniman,	5	"	"	1.50,	7 50
H. Penniman,	4½	"	"	1.50,	6 75
Use of plow and scraper and laying drain pipe,					3 12
					$222 69

W. W. Collamore, *Surveyor.*

District No. 2.

Paid R. P. Briggs,	10	days	at	1.75,	$17 50
W. S. Briggs,	14	"	"	1.50,	21 00
Horses and carts,	23	"	"	1.50,	34 50
Oxen,	4	"	"	1.75,	7 00
Seth Curtis,	7¾	"	"	1.50,	11 62
A. Clapp,	9	"	"	1.50,	13 50
Alden Damon,	2	"	"	1.50,	3 00
E. Damon,	2	"	"	1.00,	2 00

Paid T. Jones,	7½	days	at	1.00.	$7 50
J. Bowker,	½	"	"		75
S. Damon,	4	"	"	1.50.	6 00
J. G. Briggs,	7½	"	"	"	11 25
J. I. Sears,	5½	"	"	"	8 25
E. Brooks & team,	3½	"	"	3.25.	11 37
M. Turner and team.					5 58
J. Clapp and team,					5 00
P. Peirce, horse and cart 2 days,					6 00
M. Gammon,	25	days	at	1.50.	37 50
E. Brown,	2	"	"	1.50.	3 00
Barstow Jacobs and team, 4 days at 3.25.					13 00
E. Jacobs and team, 4 days at 3.25,					13 00
E. Jacobs,	1	day	at	1.50.	1 50
P. Curtis,	4	"	"	1.50.	6 00
J. H. Studley,	2½	"	"	1.50.	3 75
J. Bailey,				1.50.	8 10
J. Warner, horse and cart 2 days.					6 00
W. Jones, horse and cart 6 days,					18 00
I. B. Sanborn,	2	days	at	1.50.	3 00
L. Jacobs,	2½	"	"	1.50.	3 75
J. E. Groce,	2½	"	"	1.50.	3 75
E. Gammon,	½	"	"		75
E. Clapp,					4 00
Jimmie Gammon.					1 00
D. Damon,					2 00
W. Freeman.					2 50
H. Studley,					1 50
John Shea,					4 00
Albion Damon, 2 days at 1.50,					3 00
					$310 92

R. P. Briggs, *Surveyor.*

District No. 3.

Paid Abel A. Vinal,	28	days	at	1.75,	$49	00
Horse and cart,	22	"	"	1.50,	33	00
Walter Simmons,	11½ days, oxen and cart 4.00,				46	00
Liba Litchfield,	4 days, oxen and cart 4.00,				16	00
George H. Damon,	9	days	at	1.50,	13	50
Henry Damon,	5	"	"	"	7	50
David W. Studley,	19¼	"	"	"	28	87
Liba Litchfield,	2	"	"	"	3	00
Owen Sprague,	3½	"	"	"	20	25
Herbert Sprague,	16	"	"	"	24	00
Henry Stoddard,	9½	"	"	"	14	25
F. Prouty,	1	"	"	"	1	50
F. Lincoln,	6½	"	"	"	9	75
Alfred Winslow,	6½	"	"	"	9	75
Rufus Winslow,	3½	"	"	"	5	25
John F. C. Totman,	2	"	"	"	3	00
Jessie Damon,	21½	"	"	75,	16	12
W. Richardson,	4	"	"	75,	3	00
Elmer Cazneau,	8½	"	"	75,	6	37
Sylvario Cazneau,	12½	"	"	1.25,	15	62
Liba Litchfield, mowing bushes,					1	00
John Stockbridge, clearing Mount Hope street,					4	33
Edward Studley, 1 day at 1.50,					1	50
David W. Studley, for bridge stone,					1	00
					$333	56

Abel A. Vinal, *Surveyor.*

District No. 4.

Paid Joseph H. Hatch,	22	days	at	1.75,	$38	50
Horse and cart,	21½	"	"	1.50,	32	25
John W. Hatch,	19	"	"	"	28	50
Horse and cart,	14	"	"	"	21	00

John F. Wilder,	11½	days	at	1.50,	$17 25
John Cushing,	5¾	"	"	"	8 62
Horse and cart,	5¾	"	"	"	8 62
Everett Cushing,	10¼	"	"	"	15 37
James Clapp,	5	"	"	"	7 50
Antione Joseph,	11¾	"	"	"	17 62
William Hayden,	8¾	"	"	"	13 12
Elijah Litchfield,	10¼	"	"	"	15 37
William Jacobs,	5	"	"	"	7 50
A. Briggs,	2	"	"	"	3 00
Henry Leavitt,	3¾	"	"	"	5 62
H. H. Jenkins,	8	"	"	"	12 00
George Hayden,	5	"	"	1.00,	5 00
Manuel Joseph,	4	"	"	75,	3 00
Amos T. Litchfield,	½ with team,				1 75
					$261 59

JOSEPH H. HATCH, *Surveyor.*

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid Samuel C. Cudworth,	3 days, at 1.75,			$5 25
" " "	2 days, horse and cart at 1.50,			3 00
George O. Torrey,	36 days at 1.75,			63 00
" " "	3	"	1.50,	4 50
Charles Torrey,	25½	"	"	38 25
George Lee,	5	"	"	7 50
John Kehoe,	5	"	"	7 50
" " horse and cart 1 day,				3 00
Alonzo Sylvester,	9 days at 1.50,			13 50
A. Gardner,	8¾	"	"	13 12
C. Cromwell,	1	"	"	1 50
George Bailey,	8	"	"	12 00
Frank Tolbot,	2	"	"	3 00
J. Packard,	6	"	"	9 00

Paid A. Merritt, 2 days at 1.50,				$3 00
P. Leslie, horse 1½ day,				1 50
C. F. Litchfield, 2 days at 1.25,				2 50
I. Packard, 11½ days at				13 75
C. W. Sparrel,	12 days	with team at	3.00,	36 00
William Sylvester,	4½	"	3.25,	14 62
Sylvanus Clapp,	6½	"	"	21 12
E. M. Sexton,	2½	"	"	8 12
Willard Torrey, horse 8½ days at 1.25,				10 62
Philip Foster, cart 8½ days at 25,				2 12
George H. Torrey for plow,				50
				$297 97

GEORGE O. TORREY, *Surveyor.*

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid Alexandra Totman,	23¾	days at	1.75,	$41 55
Horse and cart,	17¾	"	1.50,	26 62
George Totman,	19½	"	1.25,	24 37
Alfred C. Pincin,	14⅛	"	1.50,	21 18
Carlton Pincin,	15⅝	"	1.25,	19 52
Thomas A. Pincin,	15⅛	"	"	18 90
Horse and cart,	12⅝	"	1.50	18 93
H. Griggs,	3½	"	1.50,	5 25
Thomas Turner,	½	"	"	75
B. Nichols,	3½	"	"	5 25
W. Jacobs,	1½	"	"	2 25
J. Jacobs,	2	"	"	3 00
Horse and cart,	½	"	"	75
Frank Turner,	9	"	1.25	11 25
George Hatch,	3	"	1.00	3 00
P. Spellman,	9½	"	1.50	14 25
L. Fitts,	1	"	"	1 50
L. Bates,	6	"	"	9 00

Paid Elias W. Carr, 2 days at 1.50,		$3 00
W. Danforth, 1 " "		1 50
Posts and rails,		33
T. Monahon, ½ " 1.00,		50
		$232 75

ALEXANDRA TOTMAN, *Surveyor.*

DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid Joseph W. Briggs, 27 days at 1.75,	$47 25
W. H. Briggs, 3 " 1.50.	4 50
John McCurdy, 3 " "	4 50
John Beale, 3½ " "	5 25
Nathaniel Cushing, 9½ " "	14 25
Seth H. Vinal, 2½ " "	3 75
Horse and cart, 1 " 3.00	3 00
Henry A. Turner, with horse and cart 3½ days,	10 50
W. B. Barker, 7½ days at 1.50,	11 25
Horse and cart, ¾ "	2 25
Mathew Stetson, 7½ " "	11 25
Josiah Stoddard, with oxen and cart 6 days,	19 50
Elijah Barstow, " " 5 "	16 25
W. C. Tolman, " " 5 "	16 25
Oxen and cart, 3½ days at 1.75,	6 12
Abner Stetson, 7½ days with team,	26 37
C. C. Pratt, 4 days with horse and cart,	12 00
Charles H. Merritt, 4½ days at 1.50,	6 75
Horse and cart, 5½ " 3.00,	16 50
Rogers Stetson, 6½ " 1.50,	9 75
William Sylvester, 8½ " "	12 75
S. D. Stetson, 3 " "	4 50
Edwin Beale, 1½ " "	2 25
Amos Vinal, 6 " "	9 00
Alonzo Sylvester, 1 " "	1 50
Wilber Gardner, 3½ " "	5 25

Paid Roswell Curtis,	7	days at	1.50,	$10 50
Melvin W. Stetson.	6½	"	"	9 75
W. S. Barker,	1	"	"	1 50
Frank D. Stetson,	2½	"	1.25	3 12
Abner Stetson, for use of scraper,				1 00
				$308 36

JOSEPH W. BRIGGS, *Surveyor.*

Total amount paid to Surveyors for labor, $1,967 84

PAID FOR GRAVEL.

DISTRICT No.	1.	W. W. Collamore,	$9 94
"	2.	R. P. Briggs,	22 22
"	3.	Abel A. Vinal,	6 30
"	4.	Joseph H. Hatch,	23 28
"	5.	George O. Torrey,	30 42
"	6.	Alexandra Totman,	4 08
"	7.	Joseph W. Briggs,	21 00
			$117 24

EXTRA REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.
ELM STREET.

Paid W. B. Barker,	8	days at	1.50,	$12 00
Matthew Stetson,	8	"	"	12 00
R. Stetson,	8	"	"	12 00
C. C. Pratt,	5¾	"	"	8 63
Horse and cart,	5¼	"	1.33,	7 00
Use of scraper,				50
E. Colman,	5	days at	1.50,	7 50
W. Sylvester,	4	"	"	6 00
J. Stoddard,	8	"	1.75,	14 00
Oxen and cart 6½ days,				11 37

Paid W. B. Barker, horse and cart, 5½ days at 1.33,	$7 33
W. C. Haskins, 158 loads of gravel,	9 48
	$107 81

EXTRA REPAIRS, DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid J. W. Briggs,	5 days at 1.75,	$8 75
C. H. Merritt,	1 " 1.50,	1 50
W. Sylvester,	1 " "	1 50
Amos Vinal,	1 " "	1 50
Railing for bridge near Elijah Barstow's,		2 00
		$15 25

EXTRA REPAIRS IN DISTRICTS NO. 3 & 4.

Paid Piam Jacobs for blasting rocks and labor,	$26 00

REPAIRS OF GROVE STREET, VOTE OF TOWN.

Paid Piam Jacobs as per contract,	$200 00

ORDINARY EXPENSES IN THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1,—

Paid Alpheus Thomas, for repairs,	$ 50
R. A. Griggs, for cleaning house,	8 00
" for repairs and supplies,	4 00
F. H. Curtis, for swinging doors outward,	5 00
Ink, crayons and books for teacher,	4 13
	$21 63

R. A. Griggs, *Agent.*

District No. 2,—

Paid Simeon Damon, for supplies,	$9 53
F. H. Curtis, for shifting doors so as to swing outward,	14 50
Ink, crayons and books for teachers' desks,	7 48
	$31 51

Simeon Damon, *Agent.*

District No. 3,—

Paid Daniel D. Sprague, for cleaning house,	$8 00
Prouty & Damon, for labor and stock,	14 00
H. W. Damon, for labor and stock,	6 17
B. P. Nichols, for labor and material,	10 11
Snow Bryant, for painting and stock,	4 75
Ink, crayons, erasers &c.,	3 44
	$46 47

Daniel D. Sprague, *Agent.*

District No. 4,—

Paid C. A. Litchfield, for repairs and material,	$5 52

Paid Prouty & Damon, for labor and stock,	$5 00
Ink, crayons and books for teacher,	3 47
	$13 99

C. A. Litchfield, *Agent.*

District No. 5,

Paid E. T. Fogg, cleaning house,	$3 78
Snow Bryant for painting and stock,	24 75
W. E. Potter for mason work,	3 25
L. Briggs for plan for repairs,	5 50
Ink, crayons, erasers, books, &c.	8 80
	$46 08

E. T. Fogg, *Agent.*

District No. 6,

Paid David W. Turner for labor and stock,	33 75
Snow Bryant for painting,	16 00
Ink, Crayons and erasers,	5 00
D. W. Turner, for supplies,	4 18
	$58 93

David W. Turner, *Agent.*

District No. 7,

Paid W. C. Tolman, cleaning house,	$5 00
" for nails and repairs,	18 97
John S. Barker for labor,	7 82
F. Damon, lumber for fence,	14 30
L. Phillips "	16 90
Ink, crayons, books, &c.	8 64
	$71 63

W. C. Tolman, *Agent.*

EXTRA REPAIRS, DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid David Cushing, 2d, for lumber for wood house,	$47 27
B. P. Nichols for labor,	13 00
O. B. Prouty for labor and painting,	12 50
A. A. Vinal for labor,	7 12
D. D. Sprague for labor,	8 25
F. W. Prouty for labor,	2 00
Henry F. Ford for materials and expenses,	11 21
H. F. Ford, services as committee,	3 00
	$104 35
Credit by lumber left,	1 00
	$103 35

H. F. Ford, *Commitee.*

PAYMENTS MADE ON NEW SCHOOL HOUSE. DISTRICT NO. 2, AND OUT-BUILDINGS.

Paid F. H. Curtis, balance on contract,	$500 00
" extra labor and insurance,	13 25
Snow Bryant, for painting,	85 22
Gorham Clapp, for painting,	23 25
L. Briggs, for plan,	38 00
F. A. Davis, for stove pipe &c.,	33 86
H. E. Bryant, for painting sign,	8 00
M. Brett, for mason work,	8 50
R. W. Killam, for zinc,	1 72
A. W. Hastings, for doors and windows,	7 20
Parmenas Pierce, for labor on out-buildings,	5 25
F. H. Curtis, for expense to Boston, labor and material,	20 22

Paid F. H. Curtis, for lumber and labor on out-buildings,	$185 08
A. G. Whitcomb, for school furniture,	144 99
Simeon Damon, for cash paid for paint stock, expressing and for labor,	132 42
Ira B. Sanborn, for labor,	7 25
F. H. Curtis, services as committee,	6 00
Parmenas Pierce, services as committee,	6 00
Ira B. Sanborn, for services as committee,	8 00
Simeon Damon, for services as committee,	15 00
R. P. Briggs, for labor on foundation of out-buildings,	5 00
	$1,254 21

SUPPLIES FURNISHED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE TO PERSONS HAVING A SETTLEMENT IN THIS TOWN.

Paid City of Taunton for allowance to A. T. Clapp and family,	$104 59
William Smith for board of John McCurdy,	37 50
Town of Duxbury, allowance to C. D. Mann and family,	68 75
Taunton Hospital for board of George Gardner,	170 66
Dr. Brownell for medical attendance on family of Thomas Mee,	26 00
M. Little, supplies to Mary McCurdy,	38 00
E. T. Fogg, supplies to Mrs. S. H. Goodrich,	1 70
Supplies to Mrs. Monohon and family,	88 64
Town of Plymouth for allowance to Joseph Harvey,	10 00
Town of Scituate for allowance to Hannah L. Stoddard,	46 50

Paid Dr. Brownell, medical attendance on family of B. Lee,	$6 00
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance, on family of E. Gunderway,	7 00
City of Boston for allowance to S. A. P Leavitt,	2 00
Supplies to Mrs. Thompson and family,	67 18
Dr. Brownell for medical attendance on family of Mrs. Monohon,	16 00
E. T. Fogg for allowance to Mary Stoddard,	4 00
Supplies to Noah J. Stoddard and family,	26 56
Supplies to J. E. Stoddard,	5 00
Alpheus Damon for supplies to Benj. Sprague,	97 50
Town of Pembroke for supplies to E. B. Howland and wife,	123 71
	$947 29

ALLOWANCE TO PERSONS HAVING A SETTLEMENT OUT OF TOWN.

SUPPLIES.

Geo. Studley & family,	settlement	Taunton,	$241 75
Clark De Witt. "	"	Hubbardston,	87 25
Hewitt Baker,	"	Pembroke,	84 00
Daniel W. Ford,	"	Boston,	15 00
Clarissa Winslow,	"	Hingham,	26 37
Mrs. I. N. Fitts and family,	"	Pembroke,	46 20
E. M. Magoun,	"	Duxbury,	4 75
H. Franks' family,	"	Hingham,	49 00
Alice Brooker,	"	State,	52 00
Albert Smith and family,	"	Hanover,	2 50
Harriet Beach,	"	Hingham,	54 73
Calvin Cromwell, "	"	State,	21 95

Phebe Simpson and family, settlement Hingham,	$53 00
Miss Willis, " " Rockland,	12 50
	$761 00

SUPPLIES TO ALMSHOUSE.

Paid J. E. Smith and others for crackers,	$69 76
Curtis Bros., for cow,	50 00
Nathaniel B. Clapp, for standing wood,	22 50
John Weatherbee, for coal,	32 14
C. H. Litchfield, for fish &c.,	11 71
South Parish, for carpeting,	1 96
J. C. Frye & Co., for butter,	26 03
E. T. Fogg, for groceries and dry goods,	276 20
J. H. Corthell, for meat,	77 85
Israel W. Munroe & Co., for groceries,	49 63
Thomas Tolman, for groceries &c.,	170 79
S. W. Eastman, for tin ware,	11 80
E. T. Fogg, for grain,	117 37
W. S. & R. P. Briggs, for ice,	7 00
Winslow & Myrick, for tea,	14 50
Seth Foster, for supplies,	19 48
E. T. Fogg, for flour,	89 64
Articles furnished by Superintendent,	32 50
Joseph Merritt, pasturing cow,	4 00
Jarius M. Healey, as Superintendent,	275 00
E. A. Turner, for furniture and clothing,	20 64
	$1,380 50

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

By cash received from Abington, for board of George Penniman,	$195 00

By cash for hide and tallow,	$6 52
By articles sold, and meals and lodgings,	34 68
Meals and lodgings of 478 tramps, at 25 cents each,	119 50
Board of 8 $\frac{4}{73}$ inmates at $2.44 per week,	1,024 80
	$1,380 50

No inmate has been discharged during the year, and but one admitted, namely, (Henry Corlew.)

NAMES OF JURORS,

FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REVISION BY THE TOWN AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING.

William Capell,
Sylvanus Clapp,
Walter Simmons,
E. T. Fogg,
Alpheus Thomas,
Richard P. Briggs,
C. A. Litchfield,
George H. Torrey,
William Prouty, Jr.,
Horatio N. Gardner,
Melvin Little,
F. H. Curtis,
Charles H. Merritt,
Alfred Paine,
Israel Hatch,
George E. Jacobs,
John Clapp,
William B. Brate,
William C. Litchfield,
Albert S. Greene,
Samuel Waters,
Nathaniel Ellms,
Benjamin P. Foster,
Thomas J. Studley.
Ansel G. Grose,
John G. Briggs,
John Turner, 2d,
Andrew Clapp,
Edwin H. Studley.

NAMES OF JURORS DRAWN IN 1877.

Andrew J. Litchfield,
Franklin Jacobs,
Richmond Farrar,
James W. Sampson,
Samuel Turner.

ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.

Paid Town of Marshfield for one-half repairs and care of Union Bridge to Aug. 1877,	$30	42
Willard Torrey for services in case of Commonwealth *vs.* Stoddard, (vote of town)	125	00
H. B. Peirce for register of voters,		85
Morse & Whyte for 7 road screens,	49	00
J. S. Smith for printing town reports,	89	25
Perez Simmons for legal advice,	21	78
Rand, Avery & Co. for printing town orders.	3	75
Dyer's Express for expressing,	1	80
S. & D. W. Turner for labor on prison house.	14	00
T. R. Lawrence for painting blinds, District No. 7, 1876,	2	50
J. S. Smith, for printing (Amendment votes).		50
E. T. Fogg, hardware for tramp house.	2	60
Seth Foster, printing, stationery & expressing.	12	72
D. & C. Railroad for freight,		25
Harris & Tucker for legal advice from Jan. 1, 1875 to Jan. 1, 1878,	85	00
E. T. Fogg for postage and stationery,	5	14
W. W. Collamore for services as committee Districts 3 and 5.	1	00
William Hayden for services as committee.	1	00
J. Merritt for smith work.	20	44
Sylvanus Clapp as committee on Elm street.	1	50
Charles Stevens, wood work on wagon.	12	00
C. W. Tilden, iron work on wagon,	6	00
James J. Farrar for services as committee.	1	50
R. P. & W. S. Briggs for ice 1876,	7	00
Town of Needham for aid to McCurdy family, medical attendance and burial of two members, 1876,	107	05
Henry Barnes, fitting wood for Stephen Clapp, '73,		95
F. H. Curtis for services as committee on roads,	2	00

Paid W. C. Litchfield for services as committee with commissioners, 2 days and expenses to Boston,	$5 70
C, A. Litchfield for expense to Boston as committee on Jacobs' mill dam & Stoddard case,	6 00
	$626 70

SCHOOL BOOKS AND FIXTURES FOR MAPS.

Paid Daniel Pratt for blocks,	$25 00
David Torrey, Jr. for map boxes,	15 75
J. L. Hammell for school books,	184 02
H. M. Cable " "	13 32
Frothingham & Co.	32 50
Nichols & Hall,	2 88
	$273 47

TAXES ABATED AND GIVEN UP,

IN FAVOR OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS, WHO HAVE LEFT TOWN OR HAVE PAID THIER TAXES IN OTHER TOWNS.

David H. Stoddard, fr. 1871 to 1877,	$15 84	W. F. Talbot, 1875,	$2 00
Fielder Batting, for '75 and '76,	4 00	Oscar F. Litchfield, tax 1875,	2 00
Heman Damon, 1876,	2 00	Henry O. Torrey, '75 '76,	4 00
George F. Lucas, "	2 00	E. H. Ford, tax 1876,	2 00
A. H. Shaw, 1875,	2 00	Abner Curtis, tax 1876,	2 00
		James L. Loring, "	2 00

Sewall H. Goodrich '76	$2 00	F. L. Bowker, '75 & '76,	4 00
Jotham H. Rogers, "	2 80	Herbert M. Otis,	2 00
J. W. Bowker, 1875 tax,	2 00		
G. F. Tisdale, "	2 00		$54 64

TAXES GIVEN UP IN FAVOR OF PERSONS

WHO ARE UNABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR SHARE OF THE PUBLIC CHARGES.

Edward D. Munroe,	$8 30	and '76,	$6 00
S. Cazneau, '75 & '76	6 62	A. N. Greene, 1876,	2 00
Albert Winslow, 1874,	2 00	Rufus L. Winslow, '74,	
Ambrose M. Beach, '76,	2 00	'75 and '76,	17 89
M. Gammon, 1875,	2 00	Alonzo Sylvester. 1876,	2 00
H. W. Cobbett,	2 00	E. L. Brown, Poll tax	
William Griffin, (cause		(cause death),	2 00
death),	2 00	Luther Ewell,	2 00
William Hunt, 1876,	2 00		
Daniel T. Hunt, '73, '74			$58 81

R. & J. Ellms, tax of 1874 and '75, (taxed to other parties,)	$1 55
Elisha Jacobs, for discount on tax,	1 00
Davis Cushing, for abatement for 1872 and '73,	1 92
George Totman, under age, tax of 1876,	2 00
A. S. Richardson, for abatement,	1 77
Jonathan Hatch, poll and personal (in liquidation,)	6 89
Harvey Bates, for abatement, (property taxed to other parties,)	2 10
W. C. Haskins, error in tax of 1876,	11 36
	$28 59

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

Frank Alger,	$28 00	Elisha Colman,	72 00
W. T. Sylvester,	48 00	J. E. Stoddard,	96 00
Harriet Jacobs,	48 00	Daniel W. Ford,	104 00
J. B. Goodrich,	36 00	George Studley,	84 00
C. D. Barnard,	72 00	Seth O. Fitts,	36 00
C. N. Clapp,	24 00	Hannah W. Hayden,	44 00
Thomas Mee,	84 00	David H. Stoddard,	6 00
R. H. Thompson,	96 00	Sewall H. Goodrich,	3 00
Mary Stoddard,	40 00	Hannah Dover,	48 00
George B. Hayden,	49 50	John Lewis,	72 00
Mary Spencer,	48 00		
Thomas Stoddard,	48 00	Total,	$1,186 50

REPAIRS ON TOWN HALL.

Paid Loud & Pratt 26 M. shingles at 3¾,	$97 50
" for boards,	2 50
F. H. Curtis for laying 23½ M. shingle at 1.00,	23 50
Bogman & Vinal for nails,	8 70
F. H. Curtis, expenses to Weymouth and use of staging,	3 00
S. & D. W. Turner for labor and material for swinging doors outward, (by order of State officers)	18 89
	$154 09
Cr. by 2½ M. shingle on hand,	9 37
Total cost,	$144 72

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid C. A. Litchfield for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, to March 1, 1877,	$26 00
F. H. Curtis for same service to March 1, 1877,	18 00
T. B. Waterman for " " "	6 00
C. W. Sparrell for warning town meetings and officers,	23 00
Emily T. Jacobs, services as School Committee,	16 00
Lucy Turner for services as School Committee to Jan. 1, 1878,	28 00
Helen L. Fogg for same service to Jan. 1, 1878,	45 00
C. A. Litchfield for services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor from March to Jan. 1, 1878,	122 00
F. H. Curtis for same service to Jan. 1, 1878,	90 00
W. C. Litchfield, " " " "	78 00
C. W. Sparrell for returning deaths,	6 50
E. T. Fogg for registering marriages, births & deaths,	23 40
George K. Cushing, sealer of weights & measures,	10 00
	$493 60

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Received of,—

Ladies' sewing society, $12.50; Steadfast lodge, 34.88,	$47 38
Allen Comedy Co., 3.00; So. Scituate band, 6.00;	9 00
P. N. Club, 2.00; minstrel troupe, 4.00;	6 00
Boston club, 4.00; Keith, 4.00; Yankee Glunn, 2.00;	10 00

Prof. Harrington, 4.00; G. S. Buckley, 6.00;	$10 00
Nash & Co., 8.00; Corner Stone Temple, 14.26;	22 26
	$104 64

Paid for wood and coal $18.72; stove pipe, brooms &c., 1.80;	$20 52
Oil, chimneys, wicks, wax and cleaning hall,	28 54
J. M. Healey, care of hall, 4.50; lumber and labor for stage, 20.22;	24 72
	$73 78
Paid to treasurer, cash to balance,	30 86
	$104 64

A. J. Litchfield, *Agent.*

RECAPITULATION.

Removing snow,	$266 53
Repairs of Highways,	1,967 84
Gravel,	117 24
Drain pipe,	76 50
Expenditures New School District No. 2,	1,254 21
School House, No. 3, (out-buildings,)	103 35
Assistance out of Almshouse,	1,708 29
Almshouse expenses,	1,380 50
Taxes abated and given up,	142 04
State Aid,	1,186 50
Repairs on Town Hall,	144 72
Incidentals,	626 70
Town Officers,	491 90
Repairs on Main and Dover streets,	1,019 22

Repairs on Central street,	$995 20
Extra repairs on Roads and Bridges,	149 06
Expenditures to the several School Districts,	315 24
State Tax,	930 00
County Tax,	1,227 45
Repairs on Grove street, vote of 1876,	200 00
School Books and fixtures,	248 47
S. N. Turner, damage on contract,	200 00
	$14,750 96

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, JANUARY 1, 1878.

Notes in favor of,—

Harvey T. Sylvester, at 6 per cent.,	$200 00
C. W. Sylvester, " "	470 00
J. C. Tolman, " "	300 00
Nathaniel Turner, " "	300 00
R. V. C. Turner, " "	575 00
Michael Ford, " "	1,025 00
Joseph T. Litchfield, " "	1,325 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, at 6 per cent.,	5,027 00
Nathan Cushing, at 4 per cent.,	1,000 00
Interest due on above notes to January 1, 1878,	170 55
Estimated amount of outstanding orders,	400 00
Estimated amount due schools to January 1, 1878,	320 00
	$11,112 55

ASSETS OF THE TOWN JANUARY 1, 1878.

Outstanding taxes and cash in hands of Treasurer,	$3,652 75
Due from State, for State Aid,	1,200 90

Due from Towns, and State, for aid to paupers,	$680 80
Due from State, for Corporation Tax, (estimated),	50 00
Due from State, for School Fund,	238 28
Due from County, for Dog Fund, (estimated),	170 00
Due from County, for allowance on Road,	35 00
Am't of school books in hands of Agents, (estimated),	75 00
	$6,102 73
Balance against the Town,	5,009 82
	$11,112 55

Town Debt January 1, 1877,	$1,421 33
Increase of debt the past year,	3,588 49
	$5,009 82

The following bills have been paid the past year, for which no assessments have been made:

Repairs of Main, Central, Dover and Elm streets, amounting to $2,122.23. New School House and out-buildings in Districts No. 2 and 3, $1,357.56, and to S. N. Turner for damage sustained by surrender of Town Hall Contract, $200.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Valuation of the Town May 1, 1877.

Valuation of Real estate,	$666,618
" Personal estate,	214,921
	$881,539

Rate of Taxation on $1,000, $10.50.

Number of Polls, 492; Houses, 398; Cows, 250; Horses, 273; Sheep, 35; Acres of land taxed, 12, 285.

Total tax including polls,	$10,074 00
School books,	19 52
Amount placed in hands of Collector,	$10,093 52

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
F. H. CURTIS,
W. C. LITCHFIELD, } *Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, in account with the town of South Scituate, January 1, 1878. DR.

To outstanding taxes January 1, 1877,	$3,476 83
To cash on hand, January 1, 1877,	1,026 75
Rec'd from Hingham for schooling,	24 00
City of Taunton for support of poor,	117 75
Town of Duxbury " "	7 50
Town of Hingham " "	158 32
Town of Pembroke, " "	147 20
Town of Scituate " "	20 50
Balance of Corporation tax from State,	11 76
" State Aid,	25 07
for sale of School House, No. 2,	167 50
for sale of out-buildings, No. 2,	10 25
for stove, pipe and stone, No. 2,	2 50
of South Scituate Savings Bank, on note,	3,170 00
for sale of grass on town flats,	106 49
for pedlers' licenses,	24 00
Corporation tax, refunded by the State,	599 22
Bank tax refunded by the State,	1,424 88
State Aid refunded by the State,	1,089 10
Interest on taxes of 1875 and 1876,	73 66
from Town of Rockland for support of poor,	12 50
from Town of Abington for board of George Penniman,	195 00
from A. J. Litchfield, agent of Town Hall,	30 86
from E. T. Fogg for sale of school books,	113 70
from R. H. Killam, sale of school books,	44 98
for N. M. Brooks, balance due for board at Hospital,	12 65
Assessment of May 1, 1877,	10,093 52
	$22,435 59

January 1, 1878.	Cr.
By cash paid on Selectmen's orders and Town allowances,	$15,870 11
Interest on notes,	423 03
Paid County tax,	1,227 45
State tax,	930 00
Scituate tax,	14 16
Treasurer's salary,	100 00
Discount for prompt payment of taxes,	218 09
Taxes outstanding,	2,801 73
	$21,584 57
Cash to balance, in Treasury,	851 02
	$22,435 59

E. T. FOGG, Treasurer.

The undersigned, a committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer, have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched.

C. A. LITCHFIELD.
F. H. CURTIS.
W. C. LITCHFIELD.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Marriages Registered in So. Scituate for the year 1877.

Feb. 4. Joseph E. Stoddard of Hanover and Emma D. Simmons of South Scituate, by Rev. Jacob Baker.

Feb. 16. Lemuel Nash of Scituate and Bassina Henderson of Boston. By Samuel A. Turner, Esq.

Feb. 16. Benjamin F. Lee of South Scituate and Ann E. Crand of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

Feb. 21. John W. Hatch of Pembroke and Flora E. Smith of South Scituate, By Rev. Richard Porey.

April 11. Charles E. Rose of Hanover and Carrie F. Root of South Scituate. By Rev. C. D. R. Meacham.

April 26. Herbert Leonard Morse of Sherborn and Sarah A. Jones of So. Scituate. By Rev. Henry C. Vose.

June 19. Thomas H. Gunderway and Ada R. Cazneau, both of South Scituate. Rev. Henry B. Kilber.

Aug. 5. Elmer H. Shaw of Rockland and Caroline Jacobs of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

Oct. 15. Edward A. French of South Scituate and Maria J. Batting of Hingham. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

Nov. 13. Abner C. Hill and Delia T. Huggins, both of Pembroke. Rev. D. B. Ford.

Nov. 20. Robert W. Reed and Anna C. Tilden, both of So. Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

Dec. 11. Lyman B. Fitts and Martha E. Miller, both of So. Scituate. By Aaron Pratt, Esq.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1877.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1876. February	18,	Frank I. Parkinson,	Thomas and Ella O.
August		Frederic Lloyd Henderson,	John P. and Fannie.
1877. February	23	Helen James Sparrell,	Charles W, and Susan N.
March	7	Edith Bessie Spooner,	Frank T. and Amy I.
March	11	Archie Vinal	William and Mary E.
March	14	Henry Francis Damon,	Charles H. and Maria B.
April	21	Sarah Jeanette Stoddard,	Joseph E. and Sarah F.
April	25	Martin Prince,	Augustus and Eliza.
May	9	Charlotte Rebecca Brooks,	Edward W. and Helen J.
May	30	Lydia Ella Gunderway,	Ezekiel and Lucy.
May	31	Irving Everett Harrub,	William and Mary F.
June	2	Everett Ellms Jacobs,	Joseph W. and Clara J.
June	10	Charlie Rupert Chamberlain,	Arthur B. and Mary A.
June	27	Mary Curtis,	Joseph H. and Henrietta.
June	27	Hosea Linclon Stetson,	Benjamin E. and Mary F.
June	30	Warren Lincoln Foster,	Seth and Evelina B.
July	8	Henry F. Vining,	Henry F. and Eliza A.
July	16	Mary Elizabeth Barstow,	Charles R. and Mary.
July	31	Nellie Elizabeth Huskington,	William and Annie M.
August	12	Genevra Alice Young,	Charles F. and Alice J.
August	23	Nellie Lynch,	Michael and Bridget.
September	11	Andrew J. Litchfield, Jr.,	Andrew J. and Lizzie J.
September	14	William Wallace Fitts,	Seth O. and Mary A.
September	18	Harriet Jane Hyland,	Edmund L. and Eliz. H.
September	21	Wilson Lee Litchfield,	James and Martha W.
September	23	Amelia Allen Wilder,	George A. and Pamelia.
October	5	Grace H. Cushing,	Webster A. & Amanda F.
October	6	Henry Phillips Tilden,	D. Philip and Lottie R.
October	14	Mary Josephine Hatch,	Cushing and Abby L.
November	10	——— Osborne,	Levi N. and Julia M.
November	11	Herbert Francis Litchfield,	Caleb D. and Susanna.
November	12	Elizabeth Cushing Thompson.	Rebecca Thompson.
November	17	Arodi Whitman Vinal,	Abel A. and Lucy A.
November	29	——— Curtis,	Seth A. and Harriet S.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1877.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE.	BIRTHPLACE.
Jan 21,	Lucia Franks,	89			Old age.	Scituate.
Mar. 12,	Archie Vinal,			1		South Scituate.
Mar. 22,	Lorenzo T. Gardner,	32			Consumption.	South Scituate.
Apr. 3,	Flora I. Leavitt,	11	8		Scarlet Fever.	South Scituate.
Apr. 28,	James Waterman,	79			General Debility.	Maine.
May 12,	Mary E. Barker (Crocker),	38			Chronic Inflamation.	Norwich, Ct.
May 22,	Agnes Talbot (Salmon),	80	7		Old age.	Hanover.
May 26,	Avis W. Lapham (Turner),	81	11	14	Dropsy.	Townsend.
July 9,	Clarisa Winslow (Humph'y),	77			Old age.	Hingham.
Aug. 23,	Nellie Lynch,					South Scituate.
Aug. 29,	Henry F. Morris,	1	3		Cholera Infantum.	Cohasset.
Sep. 9,	Chloe French (Lincoln),	79			Dysentery.	Hingham.
Sep. 14,	Ebenezer Brown,	67	2		Heart Disease.	Raymond, N. H.
Sep. 24,	Horace M. Doane,	61	4		Paralysis.	Scituate.
Sep. 25,	John L. Loring,	13	8	20	Diphtheria.	South Scituate.
Oct. 6,	Delia Florence Witt,	6	11		Diphtheria.	Rockland.
Oct. 10,	David Torrey,	90	8		Old age.	South Scituate.
Oct. 12,	Rowena Sampson,	24	6		Consumption.	Medford.
Oct. 14,	Charles F. Alger,	4	8		Diphtheria.	Hingham.
Oct. 16,	George W. Alger,	3	8		Diphtheria.	Weymouth.
Oct. 22,	Ruth T. Cushing,	80			Heart Disease.	South Scituate.
Oct. 27,	Hannah T. Merritt,	18	2	6	Acute Mania.	South Scituate.
Nov. 7,	Emma B. Poole,	13	4	8	Diphtheria.	Hanover.
Nov. 24,	Enoch H. Snelling,	61	2		Chronic Abscess.	Boston.
Nov. 29,	Henry Nash,	71	3		Liver Complaint.	South Scituate.
Dec. 29,	Martha S. Torrey (Frost),	56	1		Pneumonia.	Saco, Maine.

By vote of the town the Selectmen were instructed to publish in their financial report the *By-Laws* of the town, and the following are all that is found on the Records of the Town Clerk.

On March 14, 1849, the town voted that town meetings be warned by posting copies of the Warrant seven days, including two public days, and that all meetings be open at the time specified in the warrant, and by vote of the town copies of the warrant are now posted in the following places; namely, one at the store of E. T. Fogg, one at the First Parish Church, one at the store of Melvin Little, one at Litchfield's corner, one at the store of John H. Prouty, and one at the store under Assinippi Hall.

The following list of *By-laws* were published in the report of 1868.

BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN.

1. Any minor convicted of being an habitual truant, or any child convicted of wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, between the ages of seven and sixteen years, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or, at the discretion of the trial justice having jurisdiction of the case, may be committed to a house of reformation or other suitable situation provided by the Selectmen for the purpose, for such a length of time not exceeding two years, as such justice may determine. *General Laws*, 1862, *ch.* 207.

2. Any scholar absenting himself from school without the knowledge and consent of the teacher, parent or guardian, and any scholar who shall, without sufficient excuse, absent

himself from school three or more days, in either half-term of summer, or term in winter, or who shall, without valid excuse, absent himself from examination, and any child between the ages of eight and fourteen (see General Statutes, ch. 41), who shall not attend school at least twelve weeks in a year, six weeks of which time shall be consecutive, shall, unless there be sufficient excuse for non-attendance, be deemed a truant.

3. To prevent any child from being unjustly deemed a truant, the parent or guardian of each child, in all cases of necessary absence, shall previously, if possible, or at the earliest opportunity afterward, inform the teacher, orally or in writing, of such necessary absence.

4. It shall be the teacher's duty to require a written or oral excuse from the parent or guardian in every case of absence, and, on becoming cognizant of any case of truancy, to visit the truant child, or the parent or guardian of such truant, and, by inducement, cause the child, if possible, to become a regular attendant of school; but if such persuasion be unavailing, the teacher shall record the name of such truant on the lower margin of the School Register, and shall also inform the Town Committee. And if said Committee shall be unable to persuade such truant regularly to attend school, they shall at once report the case to the truant officers, who shall thereupon enter a complaint according to the statute.

5. It shall be the duty of the Assessors to return to the School Committee each year, as early as may be in the month of May, the number, names, and ages of all the children in the several school districts, between the ages of five and fifteen years, together with the names of the parents or guardians of such children. The Assessors also shall, upon ascertaining that the parents or guardians in any case are unable through poverty, suitably to clothe their children to attend school,

provide said children with suitable clothing at the expense of the town.

6. The almshouse of the town is hereby assigned and provided as a suitable situation for the commitment of truants.

7. Three truant officers shall be annually chosen in the town at its annual meeting in March or April, to serve one year, who shall be authorized, in case of violation of these by-laws, to make the complaint and carry into execution the judgments thereon, and for their services shall be paid from the treasury of the town. They shall also, upon the commitment of truant children to the almshouse, cause such children regularly to attend school during the time of their commitment. Said officers shall also keep a record of the complaints, convictions, and the punishments awarded therefor, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the School Committee, and a copy of which shall be furnished to the Chairman of said Committee, in such season that it may be embodied in the School Report.

8. This ordinance shall take effect when it shall have been approved by the Superior Court, sitting in any county of the Commonwealth, and been duly published.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPERIOR COURT, April Term, A. D. 1867.

And now, the By-Laws of the Town of South Scituate concerning truant children having been submitted to the Court, are hereby approved.

LINCOLN F. BRIGHAM,

Justice of Superior Court.

Copy. Attest:

EDWIN A. WADLEIGH,

Ass't Clerk of said Superior Court.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

SOUTH SCITUATE.

1877.

REPORT.

The School Committee of South Scituate respectfully present for the consideration of the town the following annual report:—

EXPENDITURE OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,—

Paid R. C. Brooks for teaching,	$309 60
Alice M. Simmons, "	175 00
A. Thomas for wood, fitting &c.,	12 00
" for making fires,	5 00
R. A. Griggs for wood and fitting,	25 00
Merritt for wood,	5 00
	$531 60

District No. 2,—

Paid Maria Jacobs for teaching,	$117 00
Isabella Studley "	26 00
R. C. Brooks "	22 00
F. Jacobs, "	218 00
Carrie Sears "	120 00
Simeon Damon for wood, fitting, &c.,	32 00
" " making fires,	3 00
	$538 00

District No. 3,—

Paid F. Jacobs for teaching,	$130 00
C. F. Jacobs "	216 00
W. T. Richardson, making fires,	3 00
Daniel Sprague for wood and fitting,	$23 00
	$372 00

District No. 4,—

Paid N. S. Keith for teaching,	$333 00
W. H. Clapp for making fires,	3 00
L. C. Hatch for wood,	12 00
C. A. Litchfield for wood and fitting,	5 50
	$353 50

District No. 5,—

Paid Martha W. Brooks for teaching,	$333 00
E. W. French for making fires,	3 00
E. T. Fogg, wood and fitting,	22 50
	$358 50

District No. 6,—

Paid S. C. Sanborn for teaching,	$130 00
D. N. Hatch "	216 00
B. N. Litchfield, making fires,	3 25
David W. Turner, wood and fitting,	23 00
	$372 25

District No. 7.—

Paid Anna Tolman for teaching,	$342 00
F. Hardy "	138 00
A. Tolman for making fires,	5 00
W. C. Tolman for wood and fitting,	37 00
	$522 00
Set of outline maps for each School District,	145 00
	$3,192 85

There is no record in the hands of the Committee, of the balance unexpended, January 1, 1877, but from information furnished us we find that it could not have been less than $1,250 00

Received of the Town of Hingham,	24 00
Received from State Fund,	249 60
Annual town appropriation,	3,000 00
Total available for Schools,	$4,523 60
Expended for Schools in 1877.	3,192 85
Leaving a balance of	$1,330 75

which, with the amount to be received from the State, and Dog funds, and from the Town of Hingham will be available for the support of the schools for the present term.

In view of the fact that the expenses of the schools for the past year were nearly $3,200 dollars, and that some of the schools were not so long as usual because of the prevalence of diphtheria, we would recommend that the annual appropriation be $3,000, the same as last year.

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books on hand January 1877,	$149 56	
" delivered to Agents,	233 60	
		$383 16
Books on hand January 1878,	$151 70	
Agent's commission,	23 10	
Books charged,	49 68	
Cash to balance paid Treasurer,	158 68	
		$383 16

Of the books charged the sum of $33.38 is for books furnished teachers' desks, and several small bills which have been put upon the tax bills by the Selectmen, leaving $16.30 as the value of books furnished scholars at the expense of the town.

The ordinary and extraordinary expenses of the school houses have been reported by the Selectmen, therefore we need not repeat them.

Some necessary repairs have been made on the school houses in Districts Nos. 3, 5 and 6, and those school rooms with those in Nos. 1 and 2 are now in excellent condition. We were also ordered by State inspectors to make alterations in the opening of the doors in Nos. 1 and 2, which changes have been made.

Your Committee think that it would be a matter of economy, as well as improvement, if the houses in Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were painted, and would suggest that some action be taken with regard to the matter at the next annual town meeting.

Annexed to this report will be found a tabular statement (required by the town,) of the absence, tardiness and dismissal of each scholar who has been a member of our schools the past three terms, excepting that no record of dismissals was kept during last winter.

The records appear to be complete and correctly kept excepting it may be in one district, where, according to the register, there was not a case of tardiness or dismissal during the summer and fall terms, which is very creditable to parents, scholars and teacher if accurate, but very discreditable to the teacher if not accurate; for a teacher can offer no reasonable excuse for not complying with the plain directions printed in each register, and we would call their attention to the fourth and seventh directions, also to the extract from the school laws printed on the first page of the register.

In justice to many scholars we must say that quite a large portion of the absence is due to sickness, which is certainly excusable. We are far from regarding every case of absence, tardiness or dismissal a disgrace, for we well know that many circumstances conspire to render them unavoidable, yet we recognize the fact, so often alluded to in reports, that their frequent occurrence is a great hindrance to the progress of the school; and parents, with all the interest they feel in the welfare of their children and the school, should not fail to assist the teacher in distinguishing between the necessary and the unnecessary by notifying him when such absence, tardiness or dismissal is necessary or desired; many we know regard the writing of such a note a burden, nevertheless they would feel much offended should the teacher punish their children supposing them to be guilty of either offense.

The schools in No. 1 were closed previous to the expiration of the fall term, caused by the prevalence of diphtheria, and No. 4 has been closed a short time this winter for the same reason. This loss we hope to make good to those schools the present or next term.

The condition and general spirit prevailing in the schools seems to be very good. Starting the year with an able corps of teachers, and having been peculiarly fortunate, (so far as we can now judge) in filling all vacancies with others equally able, we feel that the progress of the schools has been all that

could be reasonably expected. Indeed, at the fall examination we were well pleased to find many scholars who had attained a high rank in the studies they were pursuing, not only among the elder classes, but the younger also showed a degree of proficiency that was gratifying.

The recent animated discussion of the subject of schools has been the cause of a manifest improvement in their condition. While the ardent desires of many have not been fully satisfied, the result has been we have granted increased appropriations, we have been awakened to a renewed interest in their welfare, we have been lead to be more critical and exacting, and are watchful that we may discover whether the benefits derived are keeping pace with the increased expenditure.

This is as it should be, for we believe that there is no subject in town affairs that appeals more directly to the hearts of the people and certainly to the hearts of the parents, than the right training and development of their children, that they may grow to the condition of an enlightened and elevated manhood.

That our schools may tend to foster such a condition, allow us here to say a few words concerning a notion of education that is prevalent among parents and teachers, for in it we believe lies one of the chief faults of our schools. We refer to the idea that nothing is worthy the name of education, so far as the work in schools is concerned, that cannot be measured and labeled as a merchant would measure and label his goods. The best results of education ensue not from trying to put something called knewledge into our scholars, not simply from stowing away in compartments of the brain so much history here, so much arithmetic there and so much geography in another, like the calico, crockery and fancy goods in the store, but rather from illustrating that better and more literal meaning of the word education, the drawing out of the faculties of the mind, rousing them into activity,

giving them strength, directness and precision of effort, energy and capacity for work. When the child has thus learned to use his senses and perceptions with evident relish, untiring curiosity, keen precision, and to deduce from his observations the leading principles of things, you have truly educated him; you have thrown wide open for him the doors of the temple of true knowledge and enabled him to see, hear and judge with his own faculties, to truly exercise those higher powers that elevate him to the highest rank of earthly creation.

We would not undervalue the aquisition of facts to be stored in the memory, but rather the making of that the chief end and aim, for such knowledge is of inferior value. We would regard such acquisitions as so much raw material which is to be relieved of waste and woven into a fabric that shall delight the beholder and be of superior value to its possessor. Therefore as showing the character and efficiency of the work in our school rooms, we desire to see the scholars mentally wide awake, quick to perceive, ready to respond promptly to any call upon their powers, filled with a vigorous, inquiring, searching, intellectual life; able to express clearly and fully as their ages will admit, the results of the operations of their minds.

This false notion of education also exerts a vicious influence upon the teacher, injuring the quality of instruction that they furnish their scholars; for just the moment that the teacher perceives that the parents of his district and the committee of the town are satisfied with or desire what can be exhibited to others and ticketed as so much knowledge, just so soon, a study of words and statements as they occur in the text books, or are uttered by the teacher so as to be faithfully remembered, becomes the principal object of endeavor, and "cramming" as it is termed, degrades instruction into an effort to burden the mind without developing its pow-

ers. That such a fault is common in our schools, we think no thoughtful, observant person, who is acquainted with them will deny; else why is it that scholars so often become confused if a question is asked them by a comparative stranger, or that is worded somewhat differently from those in the text book, or the teacher's usual form. We often hear people say after an examination, "O, the children were frightened, he bothered them terribly by asking such unusual questions." Granted, and claiming to feel as much sympathy for the disagreeable feeling that a failure on an examination day may occasion as any one, we submit that such "botheration," if you so please to term it, was no injury, but a benefit instead, if it will only rouse the pupils to such an extent, that they will master a subject so as to recognize it from whatever point of approach.

The voyage of life for which they are preparing will bring them in contact with a multitude of difficulties presented in every conceivable variety of manner, which must be met and acted upon with what knowledge they may possess; no text book at hand to guide them, no teacher to assist them, and happy are they if their education has been such as to enable them to see and seize upon every advantageous point that may assist them to ride triumphantly over any obstacle that threatens to overwhelm them.

Parents, if you seek for your children the highest and best education, give your teachers to understand that you value one original idea deduced from their own observation, and evolved by the action of their own minds, more than volumes of parrot-like recitations that indicate a cultured memory, but in other respects a mental inactivity.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen L. Fogg,
Lucy Turner,
Franklin Jacobs.

ABSTRACT OF ABSENCES, &C. FOR 1877.

DISTRICT NO. 1 PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.	Wint'r Term.		Summer Term.			Fall Term.		
SCHOLARS NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Annie C. Thomas	½	0	0	0	0	3½	0	1
Laura Young	9	0	21½	0	0	21	0	0
Grace A. Farrar	44½	0	15	0	0	11	1	0
Lizzie A. Young	28	0	28½	0	1	21½	0	0
Dolly Young	50½	0	36	0	1	27½	0	0
Josie A Prouty	1	0	7	2	0	2	3	2
Lillie F. Stockbridge			4½	0	0	24	0	0
Sarah A. Cushing	9	4	0	0	0	13	0	1
Nellie M. Jones	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Eunice W. Loring	4	0	8	0	0	10	1	0
Ellie D. Jones	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Minnie Grose	15	1	4	0	1	18	1	2
Edith A. Cushing	4	3	6	3	2	20	1	0
Annie R. Bowker	2	0	4½	0	0	2½	1	2
Sadie Brown						15	1	1
Mary Scully	7	2	6	0	0	5½	1	0
Eesie M. Jones						5	1	0
Mamie Brewster						30	0	0
Irving Farrar	4½	0	5	0	2	10	0	0
Ernest Whiting	2	1	11½	0	1	25	0	0
Charlie E. Totman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josie D. Stoddard	4½	2	3	3	0	3½	2	0
Arthur W. Cushing	46	3	3	0	0	13½	0	1
Lennie Damon	1	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
Richie Lowell	1	0	4	1	1	2	0	4
Herbert D. Grose	33	1	38	0	0	20	3	0
George A. Poole	4½	0	4	0	0	5	0	0
Lonnie Prouty	½	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Henry F. Henderson			2	0	0	1½	0	1
Willie E. Magoun			2	0	0	16	0	0
Ellie Curtis	20	1	16	0	0	4½	0	1
Frank Alger			46	1	0	15½	0	0
George E. Magoun						18½	0	0
Francis Scully			14	2	0	5	1	0
Dora A. Raymond			31	0	0			
DISTRICT NO. 1 GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.								
Mary E. Cowing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flora L. Prouty	6	5	38½	0	0			
Alma J. Lapham	10	1	10	3	0			
Emma B. Poole	0	0	6½	0	1	3	0	1
Helen J. Cowing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. Josie Young	0	0	1½	0	1	3½	0	0
Ella T. Slason	1	1	1	0	1	4½	0	0
Stella C. Jacobs	3½	1	7½	0	1	1	0	0
Cora J. Cushing	5	3	0	2	0	12½	0	0
Lillie Perkins	½	1	½	0	3	1	0	0
John L. Loring	0	0	0	1	0	22	0	0
H. Clinton Gardner	0	0	4½	2	0	1	0	0
Arthur Curtis	0	0	16	0	1			
Charles W. Thomas	½	0	½	0	1	13	0	0
George H. Lapham	3½	0	½	0	1	11	0	0
Fred Curtis	0	0	5	0	0	3	0	0
Frank A. Prouty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frank W. Leavitt	0	0	0	9	2			2
Ansel Grose	10	1	4	0	1			
Frank Vining	0	0	2½	1	0	4½	3	2
John R. Collamore	5	3	0	0	9	25	0	2

DISTRICT NO. 1. *Continued.*	Wint'r Term.		Summer Term.			Fall Term.		
SCHOLARS NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Wilfred C. Bowker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Ralph C. Nash	14	1	24½	1	0			
George F. Cowing	0	0	4	0	0	4½	0	0
Everett Crosby	0	8	4½	0	1	2	2	3
Wallace W. Farrar	3½	0	0	1	0	7	0	1
Eddie G. Whiting	3	1	0	0	0			
Fred Farrar	1	1	½	0	0	7	0	0
Lottie Ford	48	0				23	1	0
Carrie Simmons	53	0						
Lulie H. Slason	17½	0						
Nma M. Winslow	4	1						
Elva Winslow	44½	0						
George W. Slason	1½	7						
Joseph Henderson	8½	1						
Willie G. Collamore	2	1						
DISTRICT NO. 2 PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.								
Helen M. Brooks,	½	4	1	0	0	14	2	3
Agnes B. Shea,	0	18	1½	5	0	4½	5	0
Cora F. Brown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Minnie E. Loring	7½	0	2½	0	0	11	0	0
Annie F. Stoddard	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	6
Nellie Gammon	10	0	3½	0	0	8	0	0
Lizzie C. Briggs			3	1	0	26	0	0
Bertha Damon			7½	0	0	8	0	0
Lizzie C. Fitts	1½	5	1	3	0			
Florence DeWitt ,			7½	2	0			
Flora Mann			3	0	0			
Charles A. Roote	5½	2	3	0	1	7½	0	3
Welcome W. Fitts	½	10	½	2	1			
Cyrus B. DeWitt	16½	7	8	0	0			
Stillman DeWitt	14	8	4	1	0			
Henry Gammon	2	1	3	1	0	6½	0	0
Eddie C. Briggs	9	1	5½	0	0	18½	0	2
Oscar Sears	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin W. Sears	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arthur L. DeWitt	4	1	5½	0	0			
Waldo Prince	5	0	6½	1	0	16½	0	0
James S. Prince	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Stoddard	9	3	5½	2	0	23	0	0
Willie A. Pierce	6	10	½	2	0	5	3	1
George F. Studley	6	1	0	0	0	6	0	1
Lanty T. Gammon	0	2	0	0	0	6	1	0
Fredric Jones			4	5	0	14	1	0
Albert M. Jones			3	5	0	5½	1	0
Eddie B. Jones						6	0	0
Frank H. Studley			1½	0	0	11	0	0
Bradford Stoddard	6	0	4	1	0	11	2	0
Harry Goodrich			0	0	0	2½	0	0
James M. Gammon	5	1	6	0	0	18½	0	0
James Shea	27	5	2½	3	0			
John Shea			0	0	0	3	3	0
Maurice Gammon	1	7	0	0	0	1	1	0

DISTRICT NO. 2 GRRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.	WINT'R TERM.		SUMMER TERM.			FALL TERM.		
SCHOLARS NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Nellie Briggs	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1
Jennie W. Brooks	0	3	1	0	0	9	2	5
Leaffie B. Curtis	5	9						
A. Carrie Damon	4	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Annie Gammon	39½	0						
Susie M. Gammon	0	2	0	1	0	15½	0	0
Grace H. Jacobs	9	1	2	0	1	13	4	0
Cora A. Sears	6	20	0	2	0	0	6	0
Sarah A. Sears	2	26	1	2	0	7	4	2
Emma F. Sprague	1	2	10	2	1	8½	4	3
Flora M. Sprague	5½	3	9½	2	1	34	3	1
Etta M. Stoddard	3½	0	0	0	0	½		3
Nellie Stoddard	38	0						
Josie L. Studley	3	0	2	2	0	7	0	1
Mary L. Wilder	6½	2	0	1	1	7	1	2
Charlie A. Berry	1	1	30	0	0	4	1	1
N. Nelson Brooks	2	3	7	2	0	4½	0	1
Walter R. Brooks	0	1	1½	1	0	4½	0	0
Chas. E. Damon	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Henry A. Damon	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
E. Willie French	2	1	2½	0	4	9	0	0
Dennis W. Gammon	2	3	5	8	1	9	1	1
Joseph E. Goodrich	53	5	7½	1	3	2½	2	3
Willie P. Hayden	28	1	2	0	1	16½	0	1
Fred B. Jacobs	0	1	0	4	0	1	3	0
E. Everett Jacobs	21	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
Alfred H. Loring	10½	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Bennie Loring	0	1	½	1	1	6	3	0
Joseph C. Otis	28	0	5	0	0	2	0	0
Horace L. Sears	0	6	0	1	0	0	2	0
Clifton O. Sanborn	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	1
Eddie Stoddard	22	1						
J. Alva Stoddard	4½	6	½	0	1			
DISTRICT NO. 3.								
Virginia D. Lincoln	9	0	23	2	1			
Hattie M. Simmons	0	1	34½	0	0			
Hattie T. Litchfield	5	8	14	26	0			
Lillian Prouty	3½	0	6	2	0	4	7	0
Mary F. B. Litchfield	4	7	0	34	0	1	16	1
Nellie A. Simmons	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1
Janie F. Richardson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Addie T. Simmons	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	1
Emma G. Litchfield	15½	2	1	3	0	2	2	1
Annie E. Richardson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laura M. Vinal	24	2	5½	3	0	13½	1	0
Gertrude L. Stockbridge			3	1	0	30	2	4
D. Ella Stockbridge			0	3	0	40	1	0
Josie Winslow			34½	3	0	48	1	0
Isabel Winslow			34½	3	0			
Louisa Winslow						2½	1	0
Wilma H. Day						7	0	0
Jessie F. Damon	31½	0						
Everett W. Sprague	39	1						
Edwin H. Litchfield	1½	1						
Willie T. Richardson	8	4						
Arthur L. Litchfield	13½	2	½	0	1	1½	0	3
Carlton O. Litchfield	0	1	1	0	0	9½	1	0

DISTRICT NO. 3.	Wint'r Term.		Summer Term.			Fall Term.		
SCHOLARS NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Daniel Litchfield	17½	0						
Ellsworth Tower	10½	2	12	1	0			
Herbert E. Litchfield	14½	1	46½	0	0	34	0	0
George Litchfield	14½	2	0	1	1	2	1	0
Andrew L. Richardson	0	1	2½	0	0	2	0	0
Elmer E. Prouty	9½	10	0	0	0	43	3	0
Wallace W. Stoddard	3	1	½	3	0	½	2	0
Freddie C. Litchfield	13½	4	1	3	0	2½	1	1
Eddie Prouty	9	5	3	2	0	½	9	0
Edgar W. Sprague	21	1	10	2	0	18½		0
Elwood B. Litchfield	10½	9	5	31	0	11½	15	0
Chas. T. Stockbridge	1	2	8	1	0	29	2	4
Willie Stockbridge	1	3	8½	3	0	30	1	1
Elmer E. Cazneau	25½	3						
Sylvester Cazneau	9	1	8	0	0	1	1	0
Charlie Spooner			15	3	0	20	5	0
Percy T. Litchfield			9	4	0	7	1	0
Freddie Prouty			16	1	0	9	6	0
Jimmie S. Prouty			39	0	0	3½	9	0
Ernest Brown						5½	0	0
Daniel Brown						6½	0	0
DISTRICT NO. 4.								
Hannah T. Merritt	5	0						
Addie Hatch	15	0						
Lilla Litchfield	0	2	15	0	0	8½	5	0
Dollie Leavitt	2½	4		0	0	18	0	4
Mary Litchfield	8	2	27	0	0			
Flora Leavitt	4	4						
Josie Hayden	8	0	31	0	0	24	0	0
Lizzie Brown	10	0						
Winnie Williamson	1½	1	23	0	0	7	0	0
Amelia Merritt	7	1				23	0	2
Mary Williamson	4	1	25	0	0	3½	0	0
Ellen Hyland	21	0	23	0	0	34	0	0
Josie Turner	9	1	0	0	0	8½	0	0
Stella Turner	12	1	0	0	0	13	0	0
Eliza J. Curtis	8	1	3½	0	0	12	0	0
Louis Ellms	0	1						
Willie Briggs	0	0						
George R. Hayden	1½	0						
Willie H. Clapp	0	0	6½	0	0	12	1	3
Walter B. Ellms	0	1	60	0	0	60	1	0
Emanuel Joseph	10	0						
Eddie Williamson	12	2				26	3	0
Chas. Williamson	11	7				18	2	3
Robert Leavitt	10	5				12	2	3
Lemuel Freeman	0	1	14½	0	0	5	0	0
Chas. H. Hatch	6	1	7½	0	0	5	0	0
John W. Hatch	4	1	5	0	0	2	0	0
Arthur Studley	3	1	17	0	0	1	2	0
Job L. Ellms	1	1	9½	0	0	0	5	0
Alfred Hayden	12	0	15	0	0	20	0	0
Edward Hayden	15	0	15	0	0	19½	0	0
Harry Clapp	0	0	1½	0	0	2	0	0
Edward Clapp	5	0	4½	0	0	9	0	0
Harry Litchfield	30½	0	25	0	0	20	1	0
Eddie Jacobs	4	0				0	0	0

DISTRICT NO. 5.	Wint'r Term.		Summer Term.			Fall Term.		
SCHOLARS' NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Mary E. Sparrell	15	0	11	0	6			
Lettie W. Sylvester	10½	0	8½	0	9	8	0	0
Lizzie W. Corthell	10½	0	15	0	2	5½	0	0
Nellie H. Fogg	4½	0	13	0	3	5½	0	2
Etta M. Flint	7½	6	7½	1	2	5½	0	3
Gertrude M. Allen	0	1	2	1	2	4	0	1
Gracie F. Hatch	5½	1	2	0	3	½	1	2
Mabel R. Hatch	5½	1	3	0	4	2½	0	2
Fannie M. Studley	7	2	8	1	0	9	0	0
M. Rosie Studley	8	2	2	0	0	7½	0	0
Nellie E. Lawrence	4	0	28	0	3			
Lucy A. Leslie	9	3	2	5	0	2	1	0
Emma J. Whitcomb	37	2	5½	0	0	6½	1	0
Louisa J. Mee			37	0	1			
Josie Mee			33½	0	1			
Flora M. Barnard			8	0	1	47	1	0
Cora C. Williams			20½	0	0	13	0	0
Mattie W. Torrey			32	0	0	47	2	0
Walter R. Torrey	1½	16	5½	8	6	3	5	4
Howard C. Torrey	0	9	3	6	3	2	1	3
Albert L. Sparell	4	0	4½	1	2	4	0	0
John E. Leslie	0	2	0	2	3	15½	0	0
L. Willie Flint	0	2	4½	0	4	5½	0	1
Robert J. Thompson	36½	0	28	0	3			
George M. Lee	0	2	1	2	0	5	0	1
Walter C. Barnard	7	1	1½	0	2	12	0	0
George E. Torrey	2	5	1½	1	3	½	1	0
Eddie B. Torrey	4	7	1	2	0	0	1	0
Harry S. Merritt	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Leslie	1	2	1½	0	3	5½	0	1
Freddie G. Studley	7	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
James Leslie	1	1	2½	0	2	1	4	0
C. Walter Sparrell	4½	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Horace T. Fogg	6	1	3½	0	3	3½	0	0
Henry J. Corthell	8½	3	2½	0	1	8½	1	0
Willie L. Healey	10½	0	3½	0	0	0	4	3
Willie F. Lawrence	1	0	24½	0	2			
Frank L. Hammond	3	9						
Seth O. Fitts	29	5	18	10	0	15	7	0
Clarence O. Greene			13½	0	1	25½	3	0
Frank Leslie			0	4	0	0	2	0
Joseph Hartt			44	1	0			
DISTRICT NO. 6.								
Alfred Barstow	1½	3						
Herbert Brooks	9	0	22½	0	0	4	0	0
George S. Hatch	2½	1						
J. T. S. Hatch	5½	1	41	0	0			
Eddie C. Hatch	23	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Fred Humphrey	9½	1	41	0	0			
Walter L. Jacobs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eddie C. Jacobs	2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Bertie C. Litchfield	4	0	4	0	0	4½	0	0
Gussie Litchfield	5	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
Thomas Monahon	11½	0						
John Monahon	38	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Willie Monahon	41	0	4½	0	0	6	0	0
Francis Monahon	45	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

DISTRICT NO. 6. *Continued.*	Wint'r Term.		Summer Term.			Fall Term.		
SCHOLARS' NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Eddie Potter	6½	7	0	0	0	19	0	0
Carlton Pincin	40	0						
Bertie Pincin	14	3	3½	0	0	3½	0	0
James Spellman	5½	1	5	0	0	6	0	0
Frank L. Turner	4	0						
Willie D. Turner	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frank L. Thomas	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carrie M. Davie	0	1	11	0	0	4	0	0
Ellen Green	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Annie Green	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Hannah F. Jacobs	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Anna M. Nichols	37½	2	27½	0	0			
Annie Turner	1	1	1½	0	0			
Lizzie M. Turner	3½	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Fannie Dana	30	0	0	0	0	12½	0	0
Nettie Dana	30	0	2	0	0	4	0	0
Arthur J. Turner			0	0	0	0	0	0
Frank Corbett			36	0	0	23½	0	0
Willie Potter			5	0	0	21½	0	0
Nettie F. Harris			2½	0	0	0	0	0
Nellie F. Hatch			4	0	0	5	0	0
Carrie M. Ford			4	0	0	19½	0	0
Edith V. Litchfield			4½	0	0	4	0	0
Nellie G. Bates			0	0	0	19	0	0
Fannie P. Henderson			4½	0	0	12½	0	0
Edith H. Henderson			4½	0	0	11½	0	0
DISTRICT NO. 7 PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.								
Annie N. Little	19	1	14½	0	0	9½	1	0
Eliza J. Currie	41½	0	4½	2	1			
Florrie E. Smith	15	0	12½	0	0	12	0	0
Florrie M. Currie	39	0						
Lizzie F. Colman	10½	0	2½	0	0	4	0	1
Millie I. Chamberlin	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mattie E. Smith	43½	2						
Sadie F. Merritt	17	1	3	0	0	3	0	0
Sadie E. Tolman	7	0	6½	0	0	3	0	1
Annie Knapp			11	3	0	29	1	0
Annie J. Rose			4½	5	0	35	2	0
Lillie M. Cadwell			9½	0	0	10½	0	0
Lucy Gunderway			½	2	0	16	2	0
Elvira Gunderway			1½	1	0	10	2	0
Nellie Wyman			22½	2	0	40½	3	0
Sinannah Lunsford			0	4	0	8	5	0
Lillie F. Gardner			10½	2	0	19½	0	0
Charlie Lewis	29	3						
Georgie C. Waterman	6½	0	3	0	0	2	0	0
Joe Tolman	17	0	3½	1	0	3	0	0
James Smith	35	3						
Thomas J. Tolman	11	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
Richard Mandley	37½	1						
Alden N. Beach			7½	0	3	8	0	0
Herbert Hunt			15	0	0	6½	0	0
Perley L. Caldwell			2½	1	0	19	0	0
Eddie Wyman			15½	3	0	17½	2	1
James H. Wyman			18	1	0	31½	0	0
George Reeves						2½	1	0
Bartlett Smith						0	0	0

DISTRICT NO. 7. GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT.	Wint'r Term.		Summer Term.			Fall Term.		
SCHOLARS' NAMES.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.	No. days absent.	No. times tardy.	No. times excused.
Nettie G. Simmons	6	5	0	0	2	5½	0	3
Angela B. Ford	0	0				0	0	0
Velma L. Stetson	8	2						
Hattie E. Vinal	2½	1						
Susy D. Litchfield	1		0	1	0	1	0	0
Edith G. Ford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Susie O. Turner	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
Maria W. Tolman	5	0	0	0	0	½	0	0
Genevieve Knapp	21	0	0	0	0	16½	0	0
Mattie Knapp	36	4	0	0	0	3½	0	0
Lettie Esten						2½	0	0
Bella Sylvester	24½	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mary Smith						0	0	0
Herbert C. Tolman	0	0	6½	0	0	2½	0	2
Chauncey D. Ford	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Henry W. Gardner	5	0	1	0	0	14½	0	0
Jamie H. Hewitt	5½	0	3	0	4	10½	0	5
Willie Merritt	5	0	1	0	3	2	0	4
Fred Simmons	3	1	0	0	0	9½	0	5
Charlie Curtis	10	0	21	0	0	37	0	0
Chester S. Barker	4	2	31	0	0	12½	1	1
Lester B. Stetson	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
W. Eddie Litchfield	2½	0	1	0	0	10½	0	0
Charlie Sylvester	20	2	9	0	0	11½	0	1
Gussie Tolman	13	0	15	0	2	17	0	3
Alfred Tolman	6	0	17	0	2	1	1	2
Everett Chamberlain	3½	1	0	0	0	9½	0	0
Charlie Talbot	15	2	3	0	1	8	0	1
Eddie Gardner	18	0	2	0	0	8½	0	0
Tommie B. Waterman	3	0	1½	0	1	4½	0	1
Elden L. Smith						0	0	0
Georgie Smith						0	0	0
John D. Torrey	7½	0						
Henry T. Gunderway	7	4						
Henry Harlow			5	0	0			
Willie R. Smith	7	0						
Hattie S. Tolman	4	5	0	0	0	6	0	1

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Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the Town of South Scituate present for the consideration of the Town the twenty-ninth Annual Report for the year ending January 1, 1879 :

On January 1, 1878, there was a balance against the Town of $5,009.82, and you will find, by referring to the financial standing of the Town at the present time, that there has been a reduction of the debt the past year of $1,555.90.

It will be seen by the Treasurer's report that the amount of taxes outstanding is $3,818.25. Depression in business, so long continued, and reduced wages, leads us to ask if we cannot adopt some method to lessen our expenses. The Town has raised the past year for ordinary repairs of roads, about $42.00 for each mile of road in Town ; and, by including the amount expended for extra repairs, it amounts to $6.60 for each voter. There has been expended the past two years for extra and ordinary repairs of roads, $7,352.85, and is it not now time to stop for a while these large appropriations for roads, and let the tax payers breathe. The ordinary expenses of a Town like

this cannot be run for much less than it is now costing. The danger is in large expenditures for roads which are perhaps desirable, but which are not absolutely needed now, and should not be pushed forward; and if large outlays are omitted our Town debt (although not large) will soon diminish, taxation will decrease, and in a few years the Town will be, financially, in an improved condition. By that time business may be in a healthier state, and the Town could then enter upon additional improvements; and, finally, if you wish to pay small taxes and not increase the Town debt, you must attend Town meetings, and vote for no appropriation unless absolutely necessary.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

As it is now nearly twenty years since a thorough valuation of the real estate liable to taxation was made, there can be no doubt but what the valuation at the present time is unequal, and the question of a new valuation, at no distant day, is worthy of your consideration.

ROADS.

There has been expended the past year for ordinary repairs of highways, $1,935.26; and for extra repairs on Main street, $878.50; and for other extra repairs, drain pipe, and gravel, $214.03; making the total amount expended for roads, $3,027.79.

The County Commissioners will probably order repairs on the street and bridge near the house of Elijah Barstow the ensuing year. The expense, however, will not be large.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

The cost for support of Poor in the Almshouse the past year has been $1,196.62. The number of tramps provided for has been two hundred and thirty-four, about one half as many as in the previous year. The decrease is probably caused by the law of last year, as now very many of them are furnished free lodgings by the officers of the law.

The cost for support of Poor out of the Almshouse has been $1,669.59. There has been received and is due from the State and towns, $771.50, leaving the total cost to the Town, $898.09.

REMOVING SNOW.

District No. 1.

Paid—

W. W. Collamore,	$5 00	D. Bailey,	$2 25
L. C. Bailey,	8 00	E. Stowell,	2 25
A. Griggs,	2 25	A. Loring,	2 10
R. Griggs,	4 80	S. Bowker,	2 40
F. H. Curtis,	2 55	F. Farrar,	1 00
F. Jacobs,	3 90	J. Penniman,	4 80
C. F. Jacobs,	2 25	J. Vining,	3 15
J. Leavitt,	3 00	A. Thomas,	4 20
J. H. Prouty,	2 25	B. Prouty,	2 70
E. Loring,	4 65	E. Poole,	1 50
J. Wilder,	60	E. Stoddard,	2 25
V. Chapman,	1 50	C. F. Young,	1 95
A. Grose,	1 50	A. Lewis,	4 05
J. Grose,	1 50	A. Gardner,	1 50
W. Wilder,	90	W. Davis,	1 20
W. Cushing,	2 70	George Jones,	60
John Lewis,	60	H. Curtis,	3 60
Daniel Barnes,	2 40		
		Total,	$92 15

District No. 2.

Paid—

R. P. Briggs,	$3 60	Frank Jones,	$2 55
E. Brown,	2 55	W. Jones,	1 50
E. Gammon,	2 40	D. Shay,	1 00
J. E. Gammon,	2 00	H. Studley,	2 40
J. Studley,	2 25	——— Studley,	2 25
John Gammon,	3 75	W. Robbins,	1 20
L. Damon,	2 33	T. Brooks,	2 70
Charles Wilder,	2 25	N. Brooks,	1 60
A. Baker,	2 10	S. Brooks,	2 70
A. Loring,	2 10	Miles Turner,	1 00
G. Bailey,	1 65	Albion Damon,	2 25
Morris Gammon,	3 75	Piam Jacobs,	5 40
W. Damon,	1 65	P. Pierce,	45
Morris Gammon, Jr.,	2 50	D. Damon,	2 70
P. Curtis,	2 25	E. Gammon,	2 25
A. Sanborn,	1 50	H. Maine,	30
E. Jacobs,	1 50	J. E. Grose,	2 33
J. Jones,	2 00	W. J. Hayden,	2 70
H. Stevens,	90	A. Clapp,	3 00
B. Jacobs,	2 10	Seth Curtis,	2 70
E. T. Vinal,	3 00	E. Brooks,	6 90
Alden Damon,	90	Ira Sanborn,	3 60
J. Warner,	2 00	J. Clapp,	2 40
A. F. Jacobs,	1 05	Barton Jacobs,	4 50
J. G. Briggs,	3 60	J. Litchfield,	75
R. Farrar,	60	W. S. Briggs,	3 60
		Total,	$121 01

District No. 3.

Paid —

Walter Simmons,	$8 60	W. Lincoln,	$2 70
Willis Morris,	3 60	W. Farrar,	3 75
Elmer Cazneau,	2 00	H. W. Damon,	3 15
Rufus Winslow,	2 35	G. H. Damon,	3 00
Alfred Winslow,	2 35	H. F. Ford,	2 70
E. Studley,	3 00	B. P. Nichols,	2 10
A. S. Richardson,	3 15	George Reed,	2 70
W. T. Richardson,	2 50	O. C. Prouty,	1 05
L. A. Richardson,	60	J. Reed,	2 85
Jesse Damon,	2 50	A. Reed,	2 70
Alvin D. Vinal,	3 30	F. Lincoln,	3 15
F. Prouty,	2 70	O. B. Prouty,	2 40
E. Litchfield,	1 87	George Richardson,	2 70
D. Litchfield,	1 87	A. Stoddard,	2 70
I. Prouty,	2 70	Levi Osborne,	2 70
David Stockbridge,	2 10	Liba Litchfield,	7 50
Lyman Lincoln,	2 70	W. Richardson,	2 70
Edwin Litchfield,	1 58	Charles E. Damon,	1 35
Carlton Litchfield,	1 10	E. Damon,	2 70
Zimri Richardson,	1 50	W. A. Sprague,	4 50
Owen A. Sprague,	4 20	D. D. Sprague,	4 95
Herbert Sprague,	3 30	Edward Munroe,	2 70
Abel A. Vinal,	5 40	L. C. Tower,	1 60
		Total,	$135 32

District No. 4.

Paid—

Joseph W. Hatch,	$5 10	M. S. Curtis,	$1 50
H. Studley,	2 10	William H. Merritt,	75
John Cushing,	1 35	W. S. Hatch,	1 50
Martin Cushing,	1 80	George H. Briggs,	1 50
H. T. Jenkins,	1 50	E. Litchfield,	1 20
John F. Turner,	2 10	H. Leavitt,	1 35
Charles F. Studley,	1 65	B. Briggs,	1 65
W. Harrub,	2 25	G. A. Briggs,	1 50
John W. Hatch,	2 10	W. B. Briggs,	1 30
A. Joseph,	2 10	Alfred B. Briggs,	1 95
Manuel Joseph,	1 40	N. Ellms,	2 10
Howard Freeman,	1 65	Walter Ellms,	1 40
George H. Clapp,	1 50	F. Litchfield,	2 70
Willie Clapp,	80	Caleb Litchfield,	2 70
Lincoln Ellms,	2 70	James Litchfield,	90
Lewis Ellms,	2 70	R. Ellms,	2 70
Job Ellms,	60	Bela Brown,	1 95
		Total,	$61 95

District No. 5.

Paid—

George O. Torrey,	$4 80	S. C. Cudworth,	$2 40
P. Leslie,	4 80	Joseph Packard,	3 30
John Kehoe,	2 40	Henry Collins,	1 80
M. Lynch,	3 30	J. Enolds,	1 20
Willard Torrey,	1 20	E. Beach,	2 40
U. H. Percival,	3 30	N. Cushing,	7 20

Paid—

W. Sylvester,	$7 20	F. Talbot,	$1 20
T. A. Lawrence,	1 20	T. O. Hayden,	1 20
B. P. Foster,	2 40	I. Nash,	1 20
C. D. Barnard,	1 50	D. R. Ewell,	2 40
T. Mee,	2 40	Parsons Bowker,	2 10
D. Griffith,	2 10	James Merritt,	2 70
A. Merritt,	2 70	N. B. Clapp,	2 10
B. Barrell,	2 40	W. Halin,	2 40
G. W. Barrell,	2 40	C. Cromwell,	1 20
Sylvanus Clapp,	9 00		
		Total,	$87 90

DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid—

Alexander Totman,	$4 05	C. H. Litchfield,	$2 10
Elias Carr,	2 40	James Greene,	2 40
B. Litchfield,	1 40	John Greene,	2 55
Frank Turner,	2 40	A. C. Pincin,	3 45
I. Fitts,	2 10	T. A. Pincin,	2 70
C. W. Pincin,	2 70	Joseph Jacobs,	1 20
A. Barstow,	2 10	B. W. Jacobs,	1 95
W. Danforth,	1 95	Cushing Hatch,	2 10
P. Spellman,	2 25	John Cambell,	1 80
R. Tilden,	2 10	Frank Tilden,	2 10
Philip Tilden,	2 10	Robert Reed,	2 10
Wilber Nichols,	2 10	James W. Sampson,	2 10
Gamaliel Sampson,	2 10	John Brown,	2 10
William Brown,	2 10	Francis Merritt,	2 10
Frank Dana,	2 40	Horace Griggs,	1 88
Frank Higgins,	1 00	J. Conner,	2 10
F. Sproul,	2 40	Thomas Turner,	2 10
		Total,	$74 48

District No. 7.

Paid—

Joseph W. Briggs,	$3 60	S. H. Vinal,	$3 45
H. A. Turner,	2 10	Frank Stetson,	2 70
Philip Foster,	60	W. Hunt,	2 70
W. H. Briggs,	75	T. Sampson,	2 10
Roswell Curtis,	3 30	William Smith,	1 35
Abner Stetson,	6 90	William Smith, Jr.,	1 35
Wilber Gardner,	2 55	John McCurdy,	1 80
F. Wyman,	1 65	R. Barstow,	1 05
James Smith,	2 40	T. B. Waterman,	2 05
W. Smith,	2 40	John Knapp,	1 20
James Tolman,	2 10	F. Stetson,	1 80
Charles Hunt,	2 40	Israel Hatch,	1 80
Calvin Talbot,	60	Charles C. Pratt,	3 00
David Bassford,	2 55	W. Sylvester,	2 40
Charles Gardner,	1 20	R. Stetson,	2 70
George Gardner,	2 55	M. Stetson,	2 70
B. P. Stetson,	3 30	W. B. Barker,	2 70
Amos Vinal,	3 60	W. S. Barker,	2 70
J. S. Barker,	2 70	T. W. Briggs,	1 80
E. Barstow,	4 20	Josiah Stoddard,	3 00
Joel Munroe,	2 25		
		Total,	$97 73

Total amount paid for removing snow, $670.54.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation : $2,000.00.

By a vote of the Town, the Surveyors were instructed to pay for labor at the rate of one shilling per hour for a man's labor, one shilling per hour for a horse and cart, and one dollar and seventy-five cents per day for oxen and cart ; and the several sums have been paid, as named below, at the above price, excepting, perhaps, a few not considered as able to perform a full day's work.

District No. 1.

Appropriation : $219.01.

Paid—

W. W. Collamore,	$58 50	Stephen Bowker,	$6 00
L. C. Bailey,	38 37	E. Magoun,	1 50
Henry Curtis,	25 50	E. Loring,	14 25
H. Penniman,	18 00	D. T. Stoddard,	16 50
D. Barnes,	18 75	D. Bailey,	5 66
B. Prouty,	1 00	J. Penniman,	75
W. Davis,	2 25	I. Vining,	8 67
Irving Farrar,	25	J. R. Collamore,	25
Use of plough and sharpening tools,	1 00	Total,	$217 20

W. W. Collamore, *Surveyor.*

District No. 2.

Appropriation : $326.77.

Paid—

R. P. Briggs,	$13 12	S. Damon,	$16 75
Albion Damon,	15 75	J. Bailey,	6 00
W. S. Briggs,	12 00	Alden Damon,	7 67
E. Gammon,	4 50	Ira Sanborn,	3 75
Loring Jacobs,	11 17	Seth Curtis,	11 25
E. Brown,	9 75	Peleg Curtis,	12 75
Daniel Damon,	5 17	W. Brooks,	3 00
P. Pierce,	2 25	E. Damon,	3 67
H. Studley,	5 67	Morris Gammon,	9 00
W. S. and R. P. Briggs,		Piam Jacobs,	22 17
team,	22 25	E. T. Vinal,	4 50
E. Brooks,	14 25	J. Warner,	12 75
Andrew Clapp,	7 50	Waldo Jones,	8 25
J. G. Briggs,	14 25	Edwin Jacobs,	16 25
Barton Jacobs,	19 25	M. Gammon, Jr.,	4 50
John Clapp,	16 25	A. Sanborn,	3 00
Everett Jacobs,	50		
J. Prince,	50	Total,	$319 49

R. P. Briggs, *Surveyor.*

District No. 3.

Appropriation : $330.04.

Paid—

Henry W. Damon,	$56 87	Liba Litchfield,	$7 00
F. S. Lincoln,	20 25	D. W. Studley,	10 50
Henry Stoddard,	18 75	Lyman Lincoln,	41 25
A. Stoddard,	10 50	Orlando C. Prouty,	12 75
Willis Morris,	5 25	S. Cazneau,	5 32

Paid—

Frank Spooner,	$13 50	Jesse Damon,	$3 00
Owen Sprague,	5 25	David Stoddard,	11 25
J. R. Litchfield,	5 25	Isaac Prouty,	7 50
A. A. Vinal,	39 00	John Osborne,	75
C. McGuire,	1 25	G. F. Farrar,	3 00
J. F. Damon,	8 00	A. Vinal,	10 50
W. Simmons,	8 75	A. W. Sprague,	4 50
D. D. Sprague,	3 75	W. J. Stoddard,	1 50
Blasting rock,	50		
		Total,	$315 69

HENRY W. DAMON, *Surveyor.*

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Appropriation : $254.84.

Paid—

Martin Cushing,	$60 83	John H. Turner,	$22 25
H. T. Jenkins,	24 16	Amos T. Litchfield,	3 00
John F. Turner,	3 78	John Freeman,	27 00
W. Harrub,	15 00	H. L. Studley,	27 00
John Burns,	9 72	Freeman Litchfield,	24 00
J. S. Litchfield,	12 00	N. Ellms,	3 00
John W. Hatch,	18 00	A. Joseph,	3 00
A. B. Briggs,	1 50	Use of plough,	50
		Total,	$254 74

MARTIN CUSHING, *Surveyor.*

District No. 5.

Appropriation: $307.19.

Paid—

B. P. Foster,	$82 88	N. H. Bowker,	$13 50
W. Sylvester,	33 87	George Sylvester,	21 75
Nathan Sylvester,	36 75	A. Merritt,	13 50
John Kehoe,	14 25	S. Benson,	9 75
F. Sylvester,	1 50	D. R. Ewell,	21 75
J. Merritt,	9 75	S. C. Cudworth,	10 50
S. Clapp,	11 25	F. Talbot	75
		Total,	$281 75

B. P. Foster, *Surveyor.*

District No. 6.

Appropriation: $232.09.

Paid—

James W. Sampson,	$40 67	W. Jacobs,	$18 00
F. Dana,	30 67	Joseph Jacobs,	15 00
Horace Griggs,	27 83	Thomas Turner,	2 25
P. Spellman,	18 67	B. Nichols,	75
F. Sproul,	5 17	Cushing Hatch,	4 50
Elias Carr,	24 75	Frank Turner,	10 00
F. Humphrey,	1 00	Liba Litchfield,	16 50
Martin Burke,	67	W. Hobart,	67
		Total,	$217 10

James W. Sampson, *Surveyor.*

District No. 7.

Appropriation : $330.06.

Paid—

Josiah Stoddard,	$50 37	Matthew Stetson,	$13 50
Rogers Stetson,	5 25	Chester Barker,	2 50
John S. Barker,	13 50	W. B. Barker,	13 50
Charles Pratt,	18 00	T. C. Sampson,	12 00
C. H. Baker,	12 00	E. Barstow,	22 75
Howard Packard,	3 00	W. C. Tolman,	26 00
Abner Stetson,	19 50	John Beale,	6 00
Joel Munroe,	3 00	D. B. Ford,	6 50
W. Sylvester,	3 00	W. S. Barker,	4 50
H. A. Turner,	14 25	C. Litchfield,	16 50
John Gardner,	3 00	C. H. Merritt,	9 00
Charles Gardner,	3 00	John Knapp,	3 00
Luther Howland,	3 00	Peter Hart,	6 67
David Bassford,	4 50	M. Little,	6 00
G. P. Clapp,	9 00	Wilber Gardner,	3 00
J. W. Briggs,	4 50	E. Stetson,	6 00
Gustavus Tolman,	2 00	Philip Foster,	1 00
		Total,	$329 29

Josiah Stoddard, *Surveyor.*

Total amount expended of the appropriations, $1,935.26.

Balance unexpended, $64.74.

EXTRA REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

By a vote of the Town the repairs of Main street, as ordered by the County Commissioners under petition of John Turner, 2nd, and others, were put out at auction. The first section was taken by B. P. Foster; the second section by R. P. Briggs and the Wilson Hill section by J. W. Sampson. We have also expended $239.50 for repairs of other portions of the street, which could not well be let at auction, and the following will show the amount of the appropriation expended:

Appropriation for repairs of Main street,	$1,000 00
Paid—	
B. P. Foster, as per contract	$60 00
R. P. Briggs for building forty-eight rods of road, at $3.75 per rod,	180 00
J. W. Sampson for building one hundred and four rods of road, at $4.12½ per rod	429 00
R. P. Briggs, fifteen days	22 50
J. W. Sampson, fourteen days	21 00
Morris Gammon	15 00
Benjamin Barrell	15 00
B. N. Fernald	12 00
Andrew Clapp	14 00
Martin Burke	13 00
Patrick Spellman	14 00
David Griffin	14 00

Paid—

A. Totman with team	$5 50
Elias Carr with team	2 25
Horace Griggs	1 50
J. W. Sampson for horse and cart, eighteen days	22 50
R. P. Briggs for horse, oxen and carts	37 25
Total	$878 50

Amount of appropriation unexpended, $121.50.

The Town appropriated, at their annual meeting, $300.00 to be used under the direction of the Selectmen for any special repairs of highways and we have paid from this appropriation, as follows :

Paid—

Josiah Stoddard for repairs of damage in Highway District No. 7	$9 01
For gravel	1 14
	$10 15

Amount of appropriation unexpended, $289.85.

During the winter of 1877 and 1878 it seemed necessary to have certain portions of some of our streets repaired, and as the appropriations for the

year 1877 were all used up, by consent of the Selectmen there was expended the following sums:

Paid—

J. W. Briggs for repairs of River Street	$38 00
Harriet Tolman for gravel	4 62
George O. Torrey for labor	8 37
A. C. Pincin, repairs of Parker Street	3 10
Total	$54 09

Paid—

Marcellus Day & Co. for drain pipe	$32 40
J. D. Grose for freight, 1877	3 45
R. P. Briggs for freight	7 25
Total	$43 10

Paid for Gravel:—

District No. 1, W. W. Collamore	$5 48
" " 2, R. P. Briggs	15 89
" " 3, Henry W. Damon	15 15
" " 4, Martin Cushing	15 12
" " 5, B. P. Foster	23 19
" " 7, Josiah Stoddard	31 86
Total	$106 69

ORDINARY EXPENSES OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.

Paid—

R. A. Griggs for supplies	$5 20
C. H. Totman for cleaning house and repairs	12 41
C. H. Totman for supplies and labor	4 98
Mersena Brett for mason work	3 00
F. H. Curtis for building wood house	16 50
David Cushing, 2d, for lumber	20 87
Monument Committee for lumber	7 00
Snow Bryant for painting wood house	7 31
	$77 27
Cr. By lumber sold	4 70
Total	$72 57

District No. 2.

Paid—

Simeon Damon for cleaning house and well	$5 95
Simeon Damon for supplies	4 75
Total	$10 70

District No. 3.

Paid—

Franklin Jacobs for supplies and repairs	$5 55

District No. 4.

Paid—

George H. Clapp for cleaning house and repairs....	$6 00

District No. 6.

Paid—

Elias Carr for cleaning house and repairs.....	$19 15
Levi N. Osborne for mason work.....	11 60
Total.....	$30 75

District No. 7.

Paid—

C. H. Merritt for repairs	$23 70
Snow Bryant for painting	8 03
Lucy Turner, cash paid for cleaning house	5 00
H. W. Barstow for mason work	9 50
E. W. Lapham for lumber	2 56
Lot Soule for pump.....	19 00
Total.....	$67 79

Paid—

E. T. Fogg for supplies to the several districts.....	$19 86
Snow Bryant for painting blackboards in Districts Nos. 4, 5 and 6,.....	3 50
Total.....	$23 36

Amount paid for repairs, cleaning houses, supplies, &c., to the several Districts, $216.72.

GRADING SCHOOL HOUSE YARD, DISTRICT NO. 3, AS BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

Appropriation : $100.00.

Paid—

Abel A. Vinal,	$30 12	Alvin Vinal,	$13 50
William Cutler,	20 25	Charles McGuire,	4 50
A. W. Sprague,	14 25	Walter Simmons,	3 50
Henry W. Damon,	14 25	David ———,	62
H. N. Gardner, gratings,	1 40	For brimstone,	12
		Total,	$102 51

BUILDING FENCE FOR SCHOOL HOUSE YARD, DISTRICT NO. 3, AS BY VOTE OF THE TOWN.

No appropriation.

Paid—

J. G. Whitney, lumber, &c.,	$23 41	Abel A. Vinal, labor,	$6 12
		H. W. Damon labor,	4 50
A. W. Sprague, labor,	3 00	S. Clapp, cedar posts,	5 00
Alvin Vinal, labor,	3 00	Horse and cart,	3 00
			$48 03
		Cr. By lumber,	3 47
		Total,	$44 56

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID.

Paid—

John Lewis,	$72 00	Hannah Dover,	$48 00
Mary Stoddard,	48 00	George Studley,	49 00
Seth O. Fitts,	36 00	C. D. Barnard,	72 00
R. H. Thompson,	48 00	Thomas Mee,	36 00
C. N. Clapp,	24 00	C. G. Mee,	48 00
J. B. Goodrich,	36 00	Elisha Colman,	72 00
J. E. Stoddard,	84 00	Betsey B. Sylvester,	48 00
Harriet Jacobs,	48 00	Daniel W. Ford,	21 00
Thomas Stoddard,	8 00	Mary Spencer,	48 00
Hannah W. Hayden,	48 00	E. G. Babcock,	70 00
		Total,	$964 00

There has been paid on account of the law of 1878, under the "Act to provide additional pay to Poor and Indigent Soldiers and Sailors who served on the quota of Massachusetts," the following named sums:

Paid—

William M. Halin,	$6 00	Albert Winslow,	$4 00
David Bassford,	6 00	James L. Hunt,	6 00
Isaac Prouty,	6 00	Charles Leroy,	10 00
B. E. Stetson,	18 00	A. B. Litchfield,	6 00
Jacob Talbot,	16 00	John T. Talbot,	2 00
James H. Patterson,	2 00	Edward M. Magoun,	3 00
Lyman B. Fitts,	14 00	D. P. Robinson,	8 00
Josiah Caldwell,	6 00	Amos Vinal,	6 00
C. B. Jones,	20 00	I. N. Fitts,	20 00
E. L. Hyland,	6 00	W. T. Slason,	2 00
B. F. Lee,	2 00	Austin Richardson,	34 00
		Total,	$203 00

TAXES ABATED

OR GIVEN UP, IN FAVOR OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS:

Lorenzo Bates, 1876–77,	$4 29	Cushing O. Studley, 1876–77,	$4 00
William Allison, 1875,	2 20	Frank Stetson, 1875,	2 00
E. L. Brown, estate,	2 00	Morris Gammon, 1876,	2 00
Sam'l Tolman, (discount),	88	F. L. Lincoln, 1876–77,	4 00
J. J. Damon, estate, 1874–6–7,	1 91	F. Dyer, 1876,	2 80
W. R. Vinal, 1876,	13 88	J. F. Ford, 1876–77,	5 32
Daniel T. Hunt, 1876,	2 00	George French, 1876–77,	4 00
John McCurdy, 1876,	2 00	W. B. Damon, 1876,	2 00
E. D. Munroe, 1876,	4 10	Marcus M. Gardner, '77,	2 00
Jonathan H. Rogers, '76,	2 00	H. O. Torrey, 1877,	2 00
N. Cushing, 1877,	2 00	F. H. Torrey, 1877,	2 00
E. L. Hyland, 1877,	2 00	Augustus Prince, 1877,	2 32
John F. Welsh, 1876,	2 00	Charles Spooner, 1877,	2 00
John Troy, 1877,	2 00	Henry Nash, 1877,	2 00
H. W. Corbett, 1877,	2 00	L. Cromwell, 1877,	2 00
A. N. Greene, 1877,	2 00	W. Hunt, 1877,	2 00
E. H. Snelling, 1877,	2 00	S. Tolman, Jr., 1877,	2 00
Freeman French, 1878,	6 50	Peter Smith, 1878,	65
Samuel Loring, 1878,	52	David Bailey, 1878,	30
T. C. Totman, estate, '78,	2 00	Ansel G. Grose, 1878,	1 05
James J. Farrar,	58		
		Total,	$105 29

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid—

J. L. Hammett	$37 38
Knight, Adams & Co	46 38
Thompson, Brown & Co	20 36
W. Ware & Co	7 20
A. C. Stocking	13 07
Nichols & Hall	90 41
Total	$214 80

We would recommend that the Town adopt the same method to procure wood for the school houses as in the past years.

SUPPLIES FURNISHED OUT OF ALMSHOUSE

To Persons having a Settlement in this Town.

Paid—

Dr. French for medical attendance on George Lee,	$3 75
W. Smith for board of John McCurdy	16 50
E. T. Fogg, supplies to Mary Monahon and family,	124 21
Dr. French, medical attendance on child of T. Mee,	18 50
Town of Duxbury, allowance to C. D. Mann and family	179 50
E. T. Fogg and others, supplies to Mrs. Thompson and family	57 15
Town of Cohasset, allowance to Hannah L. Stoddard,	44 43
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for child of T. Gunderway	$5 00
A. Damon and others, supplies to N. J. Stoddard and family	55 95

Paid—

Towns of Pembroke and Duxbury, allowance to E. B. Howland	$72 11
A. Damon, allowance to J. E. Stoddard and family,	28 21
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for Thomas Stoddard	10 00
Town of Carver, allowance to Mary L. Harvey	4 00
City of Taunton, allowance to A. T. Clapp and wife,	104 28
City of Taunton, allowance to E. Colman	16 00
Alpheus Damon, supplies to Benjamin Sprague	119 50
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for child of L. Cromwell	5 00
E. T. Fogg, supplies to Hannah L. Stoddard	10 00
Allowance to Mary Bowditch for board of Hannnah Ells	24 00
	$898 09

ALLOWANCE TO PERSONS HAVING A SETTLEMENT IN OTHER TOWNS.

Paid—

Groceries and house rent for H. Baker	$82.00
Supplies to Mary F. Stetson and child	16 96
Allowance to George Studley and family	248 37
Allowance to Daniel W. Ford and family	25 55
Supplies and medical attendance to family of Augustus Prince	47 64
Allowance to E. M. Magoun and family	21 64
Supplies to Alice Brooker	41 00
Groceries and house rent for Harriet Beach	64 00
Allowance to child of Isaac N. Fitts	14 00
Allowance, medical attendance, &c., to G. A. Hall	12 50
Supplies to Wilbert Robbins and family	23 61

Paid—

Supplies to C. D. Witt and family	$3 52
Groceries, house rent, &c., for Phebe Simpson	69 00
Medical attendance and supplies to Joshua F. Prince,	26 93
Allowance to Calvin Cromwell and family	74 78
	$771 50

SUPPLIES TO ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

J. M. Healey, as superintendent	$236 00
Thomas Tolman, groceries	218 81
Henry Calender & Co., groceries	66 19
J. S. Smith, crackers	38 56
J. H. Corthell and others, meat	112 20
N. B. Clapp, standing wood	30 00
Skinner & Arnold, butter	6 90
C. H. Litchfield, fish and lobsters	19 28
E. H. Bonney, coal	34 94
J. C. Frye & Co., butter	13 50
Dr. Brownell, medical attendance	27 00
E. T. Fogg, flour, grain, dry goods and groceries	429 86
Winslow, Rand & Co., groceries	73 32
Howard, Clark & Co, furniture	14 25
Supplies furnished by Superintendent	20 00
Cash paid straw, fertilizers, lumber, &c	12 90
S. Foster, supplies, medicine, &c	40 25
R. P. & W. S. Briggs, ice	7 00
L. C. Bailey and others, swine	16 98
C. W. Sparrell, coffin for Nancy Damon	15 00
Total	$1,432 94

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

By cash received for board of George Penniman ...	$113 97
Due from the State for board of A. Richardson	34 00
Received for articles sold, and meals and lodgings..	27 60
Received for meals and lodgings of 234 tramps.....	60 75
Board, medical attendance, &c., of 11 inmates, at about $2.09 per week, each	1,196 62
Total.....	$1,432 94

Sarah Totman, Henry Corlew, Mary L. Harvey and Julietta Harvey have been discharged during the year, and one has died, namely: Nancy Damon.

Mr. Jarius M. Healey and wife have continued in charge of the Almshouse the past year, and the management of the farm and care of the inmates has been very satisfactory.

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Received of—		Paid for—	
Steadfast Lodge,	$29 14	Wood and coal,	$21 75
Temple of Honor,	3 72	Wax, reflectors and repairs,	5 47
Centennial Singers,	10 00	Chimnies, oil, &c.,	21 43
J. C. Nash & Co.,	8 00	J. M. Healey, care of hall,	18 00
Americus Club,	5 00		
South Scituate Band,	47 00		
	$102 86		$66 65
Paid Treasurer, cash to balance,			36 21
			$102 86

A. J. LITCHFIELD, *Agent.*

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF THE TOWN.

Paid—

J. S. Smith, printing town reports	$109 25
E T. Fogg, postage and stationery	13 96
George K. Cushing, sealer of weights and measures,	10 00
F. H. Curtis, water troughs Districts Nos. 1 and 2	8 00
J. Easterbrook, printing notices	5 00
C. W. Tilden, iron work	3 50
F. Damon, lumber for repairs on tramp house	31 55
Everett Torrey & Co., on account of soldiers' monument	1,000 00
F. Higgins, new wheelbarrow and repairs on pump,	9 75
Elias Carr, repairs on pump on Main street	4 00
J. Merritt, smith work	19 63
J. S. Smith, printing school orders	1 50
Treasurer of Hanover, damage sustained by said town, as by the award of Commissioners	275 00
F. H. Curtis, building scraper and repairs on same,	13 50
Duxbury & Cohasset Railroad, freight	1 14
P. Simmons, legal services	22 64
W. W. Collamore, repairs of scraper	1 62
City of Taunton, allowance to A. T. Clapp, 1877	60 58
F. H. Curtis, new out-building and repairs at almshouse	22 95
Seth Foster, printing, stationery and expressing	11 39
Frank Alger, iron work on scrapers & water troughs,	4 60
Total	$1,627 56

TOWN COMMITTEES.

Paid—

Ansel G. Grose, services as Committee for District No. 3 school house yard	$2 00
J. T. Hartt, services with County Commissioners, 1877	3 00
J. H. Curtis, as Treasurer of Fish Committee on account of stocking Accord Pond with fish	54 28
F. H. Curtis, as Committee on Roads	6 00
C. E. Fogg, surveys, plans, and estimates on account of proposed widening of Jacobs' mill dam	15 00
C. A. Litchfield, as Committee on Roads, and expenses to Boston before the Fish Commissioners,	7 50
F. H. Curtis, as Fish Committee, and expenses	4 00
Samuel Tolman, services and expense in case of Town *vs.* Stoddard and others, 1876	7 64
Willard Torrey, services on Committee on petition of John Turner, 2d, and others, 1877	3 00
Willard Torrey, three days' services on Committee on petition of H. J. Curtis and others	7 0
Willard Torrey, cash for expenses on petition of H. J. Curtis	6 78
E. T. Fogg, services as Committee on Roads and as Auctioneer	5 00
Total	$121 20

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—

C. A. Litchfield, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, from January 1, 1878, to March 4, 1878	$24 00
F. H. Curtis, same services to March 4, 1878	22 00
W. C. Litchfield, same services to March 4, 1878	17 00
C. W. Sparrell, warning Town Meeting	4 00
John C. Nash, warning Town Meetings and officers,	13 00
Helen L. Fogg, services as School Committee	42 00
Lucy Turner, services as School Committee	38 00
Franklin Jacobs, services as School Committee	39 00
C. W. Sparrell, returning deaths	11 50
F. Jacobs, services as School Committee, 1877	25 00
C. A. Litchfield, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, from March 4, 1878, to January 1, 1879, and for expenses on corporation and State pauper accounts	121 50
F. H. Curtis, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, from March 4, 1878, to January 1, 1879	90 00
W. C. Litchfield, same services from March 4, 1878, to January 1, 1879	95 00
W. C. Litchfield, cash paid for railroad fares	2 15
E. T. Fogg, registering marriages, births, and deaths,	28 05
	$572 20

NAMES OF JURORS

For Acceptance or Revision by the Town at its Annual Meeting.

E. T. Fogg,
Horatio N. Gardner,
Israel Hatch,
George W. Curtis,
John G. Briggs,
Charles H. Lapham,
Martin S. Curtis,
Henry Vining,
William Prouty, Jr.,
George H. Clapp,
B. P. Foster,
John Turner, 2d,
W. S. Briggs,
Luther W. Flint,
Nathaniel Ellms,
Charles H. Merritt,
Waters B. Barker,
Thomas J. Studley,
E. W. Brooks,
George H. Torrey,
Cumings Litchfield,
Ira B. Sanborn,
F. H. Curtis,
E. T. Vinal,
David Bassford,
Abel A. Vinal,
Andrew H. Merrill,
Isaac H. Packard,
Henry T. Jenkins.

Names of Jurors Drawn in 1878.

Sylvanus Clapp,
R. P. Briggs,
John Clapp,
W. Simmons,
A. S. Greene.

GUIDE BOARDS.

Some attention is needed each year to keep them in a condition as required by law, and we recommend that some of them be painted the ensuing year.

RECAPITULATION.

Removing snow	$670 54
Repairs of highways	1,935 26
Gravel and drain pipe	149 79
Assistance out of Almshouse	1,669 59
Almshouse expenses	1,196 62
Taxes abated and given up	105 29
State aid	964 00
Aid under law of 1878	203 00
Incidentals	1,627 56
Town officers and Committees	693 40
Repairs on Main Street	878 50
Extra repairs on other streets	64 24
Expenditures to the several school districts	216 72
State tax	620 00
County tax	1,363 83
School books	214 80
Town of Hanover for damage sustained by establishing the Town line, as by Act of the Legislature,	275 00
Extra repairs on school house yard No. 3	147 07
Total	$12,995 21

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, JANUARY 1, 1879.

Notes in favor of—

Nathan Cushing, at 4 per cent	$1,000 00
South Scituate Savings Bank, at 6 per cent	5,027 00
Joseph T. Litchfield, at 6 per cent	1,325 00
Michael Ford, at 6 per cent	1,025 00
R. V. C. Turner, at 6 per cent	575 00
Nathaniel Turner, at 6 per cent	300 00
J. C. Tolman, at 6 per cent	300 00
C. W. Sylvester, at 6 per cent	470 00
H. T. Sylvester, at 6 per cent	200 00
E. Stetson, at 6 per cent	200 00
Interest due on above notes	170 55
Estimated amount of orders outstanding	150 00
Estimated amount due schools to January 1, 1879	320 00
	$11,062 55

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, JANUARY 1, 1879.

Outstanding taxes in hands of Collector	$3,818 25
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1,546 07
Due from State for State aid	964 00
Due from State under law of 1878 for aid to soldiers,	203 00
Due from Towns and State for aid to paupers	520 00
Due for Corporation taxes, estimated	40 00
Due from State for school fund	237 63
Due from County for dog fund	129 68
Amount of school books in hands of agents	150 00
	$7,608 63
Balance against the Town	3,453 92
	$11,062 55

Decrease of debt since January 1, 1878..$1,555.90.

Arrangements are being made by which the Town can reduce its rate of interest on the Town debt to not exceeding 5 per cent. per annum.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN MAY 1, 1878.

Valuation of real estate	$671,690 00
Valuation of personal estate	194,244 00
	$865,934 00

Rate of taxation on $1,000, $13.00.

Number of polls, 456; houses, 400; cows, 261; horses, 275; sheep, 45.

Total tax, including polls and overlayings	$12,144 63
School books	22 72
Amount placed in hands of Collector	$12,167 35

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
F. H. CURTIS,
W. C. LITCHFIELD,
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, *in account with*

The Town of South Scituate, *Dr.*

January 1, 1879.

To cash on hand, January 1, 1878	$851 02
To outstanding taxes, January 1, 1878	2,801 73
Received from—	
State for School Fund	238 28
Town of Duxbury for support of Poor	4 75
City of Boston, support of Poor	40 55
Town of Hingham, support of Poor	137 00
City of Taunton, support of Poor	404 41
Town of Hanover, support of Poor	2 50
Town of Hubbardston, support of Poor	111 27
Town of Plymouth, support of Poor	12 50
Town of Abington, support of Poor	113 97
Town of Pembroke, support of Poor	96 00
State, aid to paupers	125 95
County, Dog Fund	136 43
County, allowance on road	35 00
Sale of Town Flats	46 00
Pedlers' Licenses	30 00
Town of Hingham for schooling	30 00
R. W. Killam for sale of school books	136 59
E. T. Fogg for sale of school books	90 53
A. J. Litchfield, agent of Town Hall	36 21
State, Corporation Tax	799 03
State, Bank Tax	1,317 39
State, State Aid refunded	1,186 50
South Scituate Savings Bank, on note	2,200 00
Coffin Fund and interest	2,058 00
Assessment of May 1, 1878	12,167 35
	$25,208 96

E. T. Fogg, Treasurer of the Town of South Scituate, Cr.

Cash paid—

On Selectmen's orders and Town allowances	$14,653 54
State Tax	620 00
County Tax	1,363 83
Notes and Interest	2,807 20
Discount for prompt payment of Taxes	286 74
Scituate Tax	13 33
Taxes outstanding January 1, 1879	3,818 25
Treasurer's salary	100 00
	$23,662 89
Cash in Treasury, to balance	1,546 07
	$25,208 96

E. T. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, a Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer, have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and properly vouched, with a balance due the Town, January 1, 1879, of $1,546.07.

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
F. H. CURTIS, } *Committee.*

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1879.

The undersigned respectfully submit the following estimated expenses for the ensuing year:

Repairs of highways	$1,800 00
Support of Poor	2,000 00
Support of schools	3,000 00
Incidental expenses	1,000 00
Interest on Town debt	500 00
Extra repairs of roads	300 00
	$8,600 00
To which add State and County taxes, as last year	1,983 83
	$10,583 83

The above amount will probably pay our current expenses, and would reduce the rate of taxation from that of last year, about two dollars on a thousand.

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
F. H. CURTIS,
W. C. LITCHFIELD, } *Selectmen.*

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COFFIN FUND.

Extract from the Will of Thomas M. Coffin, late of Plymouth.

"I give to the Town of South Scituate, in said Commonwealth, the sum of two thousand dollars, in trust, nevertheless to expend so much of the net income as, in the judgment of the Selectmen, shall be necessary for the proper care of my family lot in the cemetery in said Town. And the balance of said income, after said expenditure, to be applied in aid of the needy poor of said Town, not resident in the Almshouse, according to the judgment of the Overseers of the Poor."

There has been received from George G. Dyer, Esq., executor of Mr. Coffin's will, as follows:

The legacy as named in said will.....	$2,000 00
Accrued interest on the same.....	58 00
	$2,058 00

And as the donor's first wish was to improve and care for his burial lot, it was thought best to enter upon this work at once. The lot has been enclosed with Quincy granite, the monument re-set, and the work carefully and thoroughly done, and will, we believe, give good satisfaction. The fund has been loaned to the Town of South Scituate, as the following account will show.

Treasurer of the Town of South Scituate, in Account with the Coffin Fund.

DR.

To cash received from executor of Mr. Coffin's will,	$2,000 00
Accrued interest on the same to May 1, 1878.....	58 00
Interest accrued from May 1, 1878, to Jan. 1, 1879,	66 66
	$2,124 66

CR.

By cash paid—	
Charles Wilson for stone	$48 00
John Turner, 2d, for labor, &c..	42 00
W. L. Cushing for labor.....	5 50
Duxbury & Cohasset Railroad for freight.....	5 67
	$101 17

Income of fund in hands of Treasurer, January 1, 1879, was $23.49 ; and as the cost for the care of the lot will now be but a small sum per year, the most of the income can be applied to the aid of the Poor in town.

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
F. H. CURTIS,
W. C. LITCHFIELD,
} *Trustees.*

To the Voters of South Scituate:

GENTLEMEN :—

Thanking you for the expressions of confidence which I have received by the election to various positions of trust and responsibility during the past years, and while I feel it to be an honor to serve so worthy a constituency, I do not, at the present time, desire to be considered a candidate for office.

W. C. LITCHFIELD.

South Scituate, Feb. 18, 1879.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN SOUTH SCITUATE FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc.
Jan'y 24.	Rufus H. Binney, of Hanover, and Inez A. Loring, of South Scituate. By Rev. Jacob Baker.
April 16.	I. Alvan Lyon and Elvina C. Currill, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Brooks.
May 1.	Albert W. Litchfield, of Scituate, and Clara J. Litchfield, of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.
June 17.	Edwin F. Crosby, of Malden, and Miriam C. Dennett, of Boston. By Rev. David B. Ford.
June 23.	Eugene W. Langdon, of Scituate, and Edy R. Williamson, of Marshfield. By Rev. George H. Hosmer.
July 11.	James N. Studley, of Scituate, and Emma F. Carr, of South Scituate. By Rev. Thomas L. Rogers.
Oct. 13.	Herbert L. Curtis, of Hanover, and Alice M. Simmons, of South Scituate. By Rev. Augustus P. Rein.
Oct. 19.	Jesse M. Winslow and Eva M. Patterson, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.
Nov. 10.	John Burns and Annie M. Nichols, both of South Scituate. By Rev. W. H. Fish.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc.
Nov. 27.	George L. Stoddard, of Hanover, and Lydia Wilder, of South Scituate. By Rev. Augustus P. Rein.
Nov. 29.	Walter H. Merritt, of South Scituate, and Flora P. Taylor, of Scituate. By Rev. Henry B. Hibben.
Dec. 12.	Eben C. Waterman, of South Scituate, and Elizabeth A. Curtis, of Hanover. By Rev. W. H. Brooks.
Dec. 25.	Francis E. Henderson, of Marshfield, and Rose E. Merritt, of Scituate. By Rev. David B. Ford.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1878.

DATE.		NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1878.			
Jan'y	21,	Carlton E. Richardson,	Andrew S. and Mahala.
Feb'y	2,	Dolly A. Litchfield,	Joseph S. and Anna C.
	8,	Charles H. Rose,	William and Jane.
	15,	Lula B. Tilden,	Frank P. and Hattie A.
	16,	Lydia E. Fitts,	Lyman B. and Martha E.
March	2,	Maggie F. Litchfield,	George W. H. and Nellie.
	3,	Frederic S. Hunt,	William T. and Nellie M.
	21,	Allen F. Litchfield,	Charles H. and Clarintha.
April	5,	Mary E. Gardner,	Wilbur F. and Susan E.
May	7,	Nathaniel Cushing,	Nathaniel and Antoinette.
	11,	Grace M. Parkinson,	Thomas and Ella C.
June	16,	Pearl B. Grose,	John D. and Lydia.
	20,	Florence M. Cromwell,	Lorenzo and Lucy A.
	24,	Grace C. Reid,	Robert W. and Anna C.
	26,	——— Barker,	Walter S. and Mary T.
	30,	Byron H. Merrill,	Andrew H. and Anna G.
July	16,	Myrtle A. Sprague,	Amos W. and Emily A.
	16,	Harry Gunderway,	Thomas and Addie.
	17,	Bertha J. Hatch,	Israel and Josephine.
	21,	Philip B. Litchfield,	Henry D. and Julia M.
	29,	Percival C. Brooks,	Samuel J. M. and Angie A.
Aug.	1,	William C. Griggs,	R. Augustus and Ella C.
	1,	Rosa W. Foster,	Joshua W. and Susan F.
	6,	——— Henderson,	John P. and Fanny M.
	18,	Josephine E. Cromwell,	Harriet L. Cromwell.
Sept.	2,	Harry G. Pincin,	Alfred C. and Josephine M.
	3,	Melvin W. Lee,	George H. and Rhoda.
	4,	——— Litchfield,	Albert W. and Clara J.
	16,	Harry E. Richardson,	George W. and Emma.
	22,	Clara W. Jones,	Marcellus and Judith M.
	27,	Mattie P. Tilden,	David P. and Lottie R.
	29,	——— Prouty,	Oliver B. and Caroline.
Nov.	4,	Albert E. Nash,	Franklin and Eunice C.
	23,	Philip P. Leslie,	Patrick and Mary.
Dec.	21,	——— Briggs,	William S. and Charlotte.
	30,	——— Nichols,	Wilbur and Harriet P.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1878.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y.	AGE. M.	CAUSE.
1878.				
Jan'y 4,	Harry W. Clapp,	7	9	Diphtheria.
10,	John Close,	77	9	Phthisic.
12,	Edward W. Clapp,	10		Diphtheria.
Feb'y 5,	Charles Granderson,	73	2	Dropsy.
5,	Edward D. Munroe,	68	10	Heart Disease.
10,	Melia A. Wilder,		4	Dropsy on Brain.
14,	Dolly A. Litchfield,	12 days.		Lung Fever.
15,	Melvin W. Stetson,	30	2	Typhoid Fever.
15,	Arodi W. Vinal,		3	Humor.
17,	Frederick W. Otis,	6	4	Inflammation.
23,	Philander D. Ford,	58	9	Inflammation.
March 1,	Hannah Turner,	76	5	Consumption.
2,	Thomas N. Stoddard,	78		Paralysis.
5,	Leah J. Prentis,	67		Lung Disease.
6,	Betsey Cushing,	86	8	Old Age.
20,	Elizabeth C. Thompson,		5	Influenza.
25,	Sarah Close,	79	4	Old Age.
April 13,	William S. Winslow,	44	6	Consumption of Bowels.
17,	Michael Ford,	94	3	Old Age.
19,	Salome L. Stoddard,	49	1	Dropsy.
May 4,	William Collier,	67		Heart Disease.
8,	Calvin J. Cromwell,	70	2	Peritonitis.
20,	——— Cushing,	13 days.		Brain Disease.
23,	Isaac Burrill.	71	10	Diabetes.
28,	Hannah Jacobs,	92	1	Old Age.
31,	Lurand H. Litchfield,	24		Typhoid Pneumonia.
June 11,	Edward Jacobs,	75	5	Hepatitis.
14,	Lura J. Kender,	31	11	Consumption.
July 11,	Deborah B. Clapp,	62		Hemorrhage from Stomach.
19,	George Studley,	42		Diabetes.
30,	Alice Brooker.	103		Old Age.
Aug. 20,	Florence May Cromwell,		2	Jaundice.
22,	Ezra S. Conant,	72	9	Cholera Morbus.
30,	Almira C. Jones,	65		Paralysis of Brain.
Sept. 2,	Charles H. Knapp,	18		Consumption.
12,	William B. Damon,	24	9	Consumption.
16,	Harry A. Gunderway,		2	Cholera Infantum.
20,	Elijah Cudworth,	90		Old Age.
26,	Allen F. Litchfield,		6	Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 5,	Lucy B. Turner,	69		Bilious Typhoid Pneumonia.
9,	Warren L. Foster,	1	3	Cholera Infantum.
11,	Nancy Damon,	63	9	Inflammation.
24,	Maria Spooner,	78	8	Dysentery.
Nov. 7,	Lucy Copeland,	97		Old Age.
17,	Perez Turner,	74	5	Softening of Brain.
Dec. 16,	Ruth C. Pratt,	39	9	Consumption.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SOUTH SCITUATE,

January 1, 1879.

REPORT.

In making to the Town this, our annual report, we will first briefly present the circumstances and condition of the schools for the past year :

DISTRICTS TWO, THREE AND SEVEN.

No change of teachers has occurred in the schools in these districts. In consequence of this, and the ability and faithfulness of the teachers, the progress of the schools has not been retarded. We have observed with pleasure the continued advancement of the several classes, noted the good order and excellent conduct of the scholars in the several schools. Their present condition is satisfactory.

DISTRICTS FIVE AND SIX.

One change of teachers only has occurred in these schools, and this by reason of the resignation of teachers who were satisfactory to the Committee. We were fortunate in supplying their places with teachers who had previously taught in Town, and who possessed the confidence of the Committee. The progress of the schools has been such, and their present condition so good, as to show that our confidence was not misplaced.

DISTRICT ONE.

In the Primary department, in this District, the teacher who had acceptably taught the school from its commencement resigned, to enter another sphere of labor, in which she has the best wishes of the Committee. Her place was filled by one whom we felt was well qualified for the work. At the fall examination our expectations were realized. We feel that the progress of the school has not been retarded, and its present condition is gratifying.

Not so, however, in the Grammar department. Three different teachers have had charge of this school during the past year, all well qualified instructors. So many changes in manner and method have operated to hinder the progress of the school. We cannot, however, attribute this to the lack of efficiency on the part of the teachers. At present it appears to be recovering lost

ground, and its condition is as good as could be expected. We trust it may soon become number one, in quality as well as in name.

DISTRICT FOUR.

The school in this District has been peculiarly unfortunate, no less than five teachers having been employed for periods varying from one week to a term, during the year. Ill health of the teacher for the summer term compelled the employment of substitutes. At the close of the summer term she resigned for the purpose of attending the Normal school. Her successor was a lady of experience and good reputation, and the Committee felt that the place was satisfactorily filled, but at the close of the fall term she presented her resignation, necessitating a new appointment. The present teacher is well qualified as an instructor, and possesses the confidence of the Committee.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS.

When we say that the condition of the schools is generally satisfactory, we mean under existing circumstances, not that they might not be improved. On the contrary, we believe they are susceptible of much improvement. Allow us, therefore, to briefly suggest wherein a change might be made that would be of benefit to the schools.

We would premise that our schools are intended for the acquisition of elementary knowledge, such as will afford a broad and firm foundation for the erection of any superstructure that may become necessary in the future life of the pupils, and to train them to habits of intelligent observation and reflection, both in a moral and intellectual point of view.

As our schools are, morality can be best taught by example, and such incidental impressing of moral truths as every good teacher knows how to introduce, varying as the occasion that calls them forth. This, to be effectual, must be supplemented by good home training.

It is with reference to the intellectual branch of education that we wish more particularly to speak.

We would urge a greater uniformity in the studies pursued in the several schools, and by the several scholars, devoting less time to some and more time to others than is the case at present.

Let us examine with reference to some of the studies and note the results.

Take Reading for instance. From the time the child enters school till the day he leaves, Reading is constantly pursued, both as a special recitation and incidentally in the acquisition of other knowledge. In the ten or more years devoted to that study, what are the results? We leave it to your own observation to determine the percentage of good readers that graduate from our public schools. We are inclined to think that constant drilling

has induced indifference, or that the elementary instruction was indifferent.

Again, Arithmetic is studied for eight or more years, and we think with as good results as any subject taught in our schools. Yet how few gain such a practical knowledge of the subject as to readily and correctly solve an ordinary business problem! or, if able to obtain a solution, how many would use a mass of figures to obtain a result that most business men would arrive at mentally!

Writing is an almost daily practice for seven or eight years. Do we show many specimens of a beautiful chirography? Are there not many specimens that can scarcely be called legible?

It may be that in the constant drill upon these three principal subjects of attention in the school-room, we introduce much that is of little value, to the exclusion of that which is beneficial; at least, the results seem small compared with the time spent.

You may ask, Why do you not institute a reform? We would be glad to do so, but reforms are of slow growth, and to be successful must be supported by public opinion, and, in return, we will ask, Why do parents so earnestly desire that their children should be studying on the last page of the book instead of the first? Why do they desire them to be struggling with the intricacies of Square root, Cube root, Arithmetical and Geometrical progressions, Position, and Geometrical

problems, when they scarcely perform *accurately* the four fundamental operations, and fractions are a source of constant perplexity?

Why do you allow your children to abandon Grammar ere they can construct an ordinary sentence correctly, and substitute therefor Algebra? Is the knowledge of operations on Algebraic formulas of more importance than the right and facile use of our own language? But we forbear. We do not wish to be understood as objecting to these studies; far from it, we wish they were better taught than now.

We desire that our pupils shall be better versed in the elements before they begin to build the superstructure, and that pupils of equal ability should pursue a more uniform course.

We find some attending to Reading, Writing, Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic, History, Algebra, Spelling, (a formidable array), and we know not what others out of school. Others of the same grade, equal ability, and (so far as their studies go) in the same classes, pursuing only half as many.

As a result, the one has a series of imperfect lessons, or the other has half his time to annoy his teacher, if so disposed, or, at least, to sit in idleness.

As a remedy, adopt some uniform system not to exclude those studies (for they are good in themselves), but to so arrange them that one shall not be overburdened and another underworked. Require all pupils to

pursue the same course, unless specially excused, when their mental condition or power, or any other circumstance, makes such a course advisable. It would seem that some such course might be adopted, which would give to each branch an appropriate place, stir the flagging zeal of the indolent, satisfy the cravings of the ambitious, and lay a broader foundation for future building.

EXAMINATIONS.

The fall examination of the schools was very thorough, and conducted on a plan new to this town. Each member of the Committee was assigned certain subjects in which they were to examine the schools privately, and as thoroughly as the time allotted would permit. This does away with many of the objectionable features of examination in the ordinary way, puts the pupils more at their ease, and prevents the substitution of any special preparation in the place of an examination.

Making due allowance for the friction incident to the introduction of new methods, we think the plan was a success.

Some of the teachers have expressed themselves strongly in its favor, as being more just and inducing more thoroughness, and certainly we know that we gained a much more intimate knowledge of the schoolwork than ever before. Our aim has been to lead the

teachers to make their teaching less theoretical and more practical, so that scholars, on leaving the school, shall be enabled to apply what they have learned to the practical business of the life then opening before them. The success of this experiment confirms us in the opinion that, at least, one of the examinations during the year should be conducted in this manner.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Pursuing the plan that we commenced last year, of improving our older school-rooms, to make them correspond in some degree with the new, we have made some repairs and changes in the room in No. 7; and all the school-rooms in town are now in fair condition, unless we except the seating in No. 7, of which some complaint has been made, the desks being badly defaced and the chair seats very rough.

Your Committee were not inclined to enter upon such an expense as might be required to refurnish the room, preferring to remit the consideration of that subject to the town. The desks in No. 3 are supported on wooden standards, which are easily racked and twisted, and have, therefore, become quite movable. We would, therefore, suggest (if the Town see fit to do anything in the matter) that the room in No. 7 be refurnished, and that the iron standards of that room be used to supply the place of the wooden ones in No. 3. Otherwise, the school property is in good condition, excepting the need of paint on the outside of some of the school houses.

EXPENDITURE OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1.

Paid—

Clarence E. Wheeler for teaching, (sixteen weeks)	$160 00	
James J. Prentice for teaching, (twelve weeks)	120 00	
Henry P. Haylett for teaching, (thirteen weeks)	130 00	
Alice Simmons for teaching, (twenty-eight weeks)	140 00	
Lina F. Jacobs for teaching, (thirteen weeks)	65 00	
R. A. Griggs for sweeping and making fires,	10 00	
A. G. Grose for wood and fitting	28 40	
		$653 40

District No. 2.

Paid—

Franklin Jacobs for teaching, (thirty-eight weeks)	$380 00	
Carrie Sears for teaching, (thirty-eight weeks)	190 00	
H. A. & A. C. Damon for sweeping and making fires	10 00	
Barton R. Jacobs for wood and fitting	27 00	
		$607 00
Amount carried forward		$1,260 40

Amount brought forward		$1,260 40

DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid—

C. F. Jacobs for teaching, (thirty-eight weeks	$342 00	
A. L. & W. T. Richardson for sweeping and making fires.....	6 50	
Daniel D. Sprague for wood and fitting....	2 88	
Franklin Jacobs for wood and fitting.	20 00	
		$371 38

DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid—

Ida C. Jacobs for teaching, (eighteen weeks),	$162 00	
H. C. Frost for teaching, (four weeks).....	36 00	
Mary A. Litchfield for teaching, (twelve weeks)....	108 00	
John W. Hatch for wood and fitting	19 00	
		$325 00

DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid—

Nellie S. Keith for teaching, (twenty-five weeks).....	$225 00	
M. W. Brooks for teaching (twelve weeks),	108 00	
Girtie Allen for sweeping	2 40	
George E. Torrey for sweeping.....	2 40	
Willie Flint for making fires.....	3 00	
John W. Hatch for wood and fitting	19 00	
		$359 80
Amount carried forward		$2,316 58

Amount brought forward		$2,316 58

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid—		
Charles C. Bates for teaching, (thirteen weeks)	$130 00	
Maria Jacobs for teaching, (twenty-five weeks)	225 00	
John W. Hatch for wood and fitting	19 00	
		$374 00

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid—		
Anna Tolman for teaching, (thirty-nine weeks)	$351 00	
Florence C. Hardy for teaching, (thirty-nine weeks)	156 00	
Everett Chamberlain for making fires	5 00	
W. C Tolman for wood and fitting	7 00	
Josiah Stoddard for wood and fitting	30 08	
		$549 08
Total expenditure		$3,239 66

AVAILABLE FUNDS.

Balance as per report of January 1, 1878	$1,330 75
Received of the Town of Hingham	30 00
Received from State fund	238 28
Received from dog fund	136 43
Annual town appropriation	3,000 00
Total available for schools	$4,735 46
Expended for schools in 1878	3,239 66
Unexpended balance	$1,495 80

which is available for the support of the schools for the present term.

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Books on hand January, 1878	$151 70	
Books delivered agents	455 65	
		$607 35
Books on hand January, 1879	$215 29	
Books returned	82 04	
Agents' commission	31 00	
Books charged	51 90	
Cash to balance, paid treasurer	227 12	
		$607 35

Of the books charged we are able to say, as last year, that deducting the expense of furnishing desks, and

amounts put upon tax bills by the Selectmen, there is but a small balance remaining as cost of books furnished scholars at the expense of the Town.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

We have increased the length of the terms so that our schools have continued thirty-eight weeks the past year, and hope that we may lengthen two weeks the present year, so as to make the school forty weeks long.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend that the appropriation for the support of schools, the present year, be the same as the past year.

Also, that the Town vote to paint one or more of their school houses.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. FOGG,
LUCY TURNER,
FRANKLIN JACOBS.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS.

SCHOOLS.	WINTER TERM.			SUMMER TERM,			FALL TERM.		
	Whole No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Whole No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.	Whole No. Registered.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Attendance.
District No. 1, Primary,				37	31	84–	41	34x	83x
District No. 1, Grammar,	34	30x	88x	28	25	89x	23	22–	95
District No. 2, Primary,	22	17	77x	31	25	80	34	27	80
District No. 2, Grammar,	27	25–	92–	28	26–	92	29	24x	83x
District No. 3	35	29x	84x	36	28x	81	34	28x	82x
District No. 4	27	22x	82x	21	17x	80x	21	16x	77
District No. 5	34	29	85	37	32	86x	38	33	87–
District No. 6	29	25–	85–	28	23x	82x	28	24	85x
District No. 7, Primary,	17	14–	82	29	21	80x	20	16	80
District No. 7, Grammar,	34	31–	87x	26	20–	76–	26	23	89
				301	248	83	294	247	84